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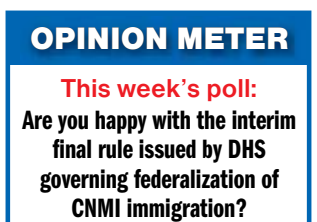

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture granted the request of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) to conduct a comprehensive review of the current agreement between USDA and the CNMI on food stamps.

Sablan said the CNMI may not be taking full advantage of the federal food stamp program to benefit more residents.

In a Nov. 2 letter to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Sablan said there is more that can be done to provide additional food stamp

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The 2010 officers and board of directors of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce pose for a group photo after their monthly meeting at the Saipan Grand Hotel in Susupe yesterday. From left, incoming Chamber vice president and current president Jim Arenovski; re-elected treasurer Michael S. Johnson; re-elected board director Alex S. Sablan; director Mark Birmingham; director David M. Sablan Sr.; incoming president and current vice president Douglas Brennan; and new board director Atty. Vince J. Seman. Re-elected treasurer Kathryn Barry is currently off island. ***See story on Page 2.***

Farmer, 30, drowns while spear fishing

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A farmer who was spear fishing with some companions drowned yesterday outside the reef facing the Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan.

Arman Alampayan, 30, a Filipino farmer, was pronounced dead at the Commonwealth Health Center before

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Understanding the NMI's first runoff process

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Just two days before the CNMI heads to the polls and most people still have just a general idea of how the Commonwealth's runoff election law, Public Law 16-43, works: They know it calls for the two top vote-getters

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Chamber elects 2010 officers

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday unanimously voted all six candidates for the 2010 officers and board of directors, led by incoming president Douglas Brennan of Microl Corp.

Brennan, who is currently the Chamber vice president, said his priority will be to improve relationship with the government as the CNMI deals with federalization and economic challenges.

He said the relationship between the Chamber and the government has sometimes become adversarial.

"If we don't work together, things will not get better for all of us," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

The Chamber remains as the largest business organization in the CNMI with some 170 members.

The installation dinner for the 2010 officers and board of directors will be held on Jan. 9.

Jim Arenovski of Delta Management Corp., the current president, was elected vice president during the general membership meeting held at the Saipan Grand Hotel in Susupe yesterday.

Michael S. Johnson of Deloitte was re-elected treasurer, and so was Kathryn Barry of IT&E who was re-elected secretary.

Officers serve one-year terms, while board members serve two-year terms.

Alex S. Sablan of Saipan Shipping Co. was re-elected to the board of directors.

Lawyer Vincent J. Seman of Carlsmith Ball LLP became the newest board member, replacing Jay Santos who decided to step down from is current post.

Joining Sablan and Seman on the 2010 board are Mark Birmingham, Steve Jang, and David M. Sablan Sr.

Group to set up support center to solicit comments on DHS rules

The United Workers Movement, NMI is soliciting comments from alien workers who want to bring up their concerns about the transitional worker program for the CNMI.

The group said it plans to facilitate the submission of comments by centralizing the receipt of all comments and submitting them to the Department of Homeland Security.

"We have a lot of concerns regarding the transitional worker program for the CNMI that we need to bring to the Department of Homeland Security's attention. We have a very small time to submit comments on the rules and regulation of this program. We are asking all brothers and sisters to come up with their comments [and] concerns before Nov. 25, 2009," the group said in a statement.

The United Workers Movement NMI—an umbrella group composed of Pilcowa, Dekada and other worker's leaders—will be setting up a support center that will help alien workers who want to give comments on the transitional worker program.

The support center will be at the Fiestang Pinoy by Juvy Restaurant across Saipan Grand Hotel on Beach Road, Susupe on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009, from 8am to 5pm. The centeer will provide computer facilities, with staff to assist in different languages like Tagalog, Chinese, Bangladeshi, Korean, Sri Lankan, Nepalese, and Hindi.

"If you have prepared comments in a letter form, just bring it to us and we take care of the postal," said the group. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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CNMI asks court to declare DHS regulations invalid

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The CNMI has asked the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to declare as invalid the Department of Homeland Security's interim final rule on the CNMI transitional worker program.

The CNMI, through the Jenner & Block law firm, asked the court to rule that the manner with which DHS promulgated the interim permit rule violates the Administrative Act.

Jenner & Block stressed that the "societal, familiar, and personal damage" that will be caused by Public Law 110-229, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (federalization law), "is as severe as its economic impact." The law firm said the law will force thousands of U.S. citizen children to separate from their parents who are not U.S. citizens.

In the CNMI's amended complained filed on Nov. 2, Jenner & Block also questioned the legality of the interim final rule.

The complaint, which named the United States, DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano, DHS, U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, and U.S. Labor as defendants—also asked the court to prevent these defendants from acting in violation of the Covenant.

The CNMI wants the court to issue a permanent injunction prohibiting the defendants from enforcing federalization in the CNMI.

The law firm asserted that the defendants violated APA by promulgating the regulations required by Public Law 110-229 without notice to the CNMI and other affected stakeholders and giving them an opportunity to comment.

DHS issued the interim rule on Oct. 27. It is set to go into effect on Nov. 28, 2009, the effective date of the CNRA.

Jenner & Block said the CNRA will strike a devastating, and perhaps fatal, blow on the economy by prohibiting the Commonwealth from ensuring an adequate supply of labor for local residents and businesses.

The law firm said CNRA imposes an uncertain permitting system for an indefinite period of time on about two-thirds of the Commonwealth's private sector workforce and requires that the number of Commonwealth-only permits be reduced to zero by the end of 2014, the end date for the transition period.

"As the number of Commonwealth-only permits is reduced, foreign workers lawfully admitted under CNMI law will have to leave the Commonwealth if they are unable to obtain a visa under the narrow and specialized classifications of the federal immigration laws or if their employers cannot obtain the necessary permits from that steadily shrinking pool of permits," the law firm said.

Jenner & Block said most of the foreign workers will not be able to qualify for federal visas because existing federal immigration laws do not allow visas for low-skill jobs that are "permanent" rather than "temporary."

"In addition, because no 'Commonwealth-only' permits can be issued or can authorize employment after 2014, whatever relief is potentially available during the transition period is necessarily temporary," the law firm said.

The law firm pointed out that the local workforce is not enough to compensate for the labor deficit the CNRA will create.

The overall U.S. citizen population of about 30,000 and the U.S. citizen workforce of about 11,000 have remained constant in size for most of the past decade.

"There is no reasonable basis for assuming that the U.S. citizen population can produce a workforce of sufficient size to meet the needs of the CNMI economy," the law firm said.

The CNRA, Jenner & Block said, has placed the CNMI in a legal and economic limbo of indefinite duration.

"Such an environment is toxic to economic development," the law firm said, citing business plans for new ventures that are already being revised or canceled, foreign investment being withdrawn, among other things.

"No other city, county, or state in America has a federal bureaucracy exercising plenary authority over two-thirds of its private sector labor force," the law firm stressed.

In addition, the CNRA will also rend its social fabric, the law firm said.

The 24,000 alien workers and their families make up roughly 40 percent of the Commonwealth's total population. Jenner & Block said many of these people have lived in the CNMI for over a decade and include thousands of U.S. citizen children.

Under the provisions of CNRA, the complaint said, these children's parents are subject to expulsion from the Commonwealth over the next several years, even if they otherwise could have remained gainfully employed in the CNMI.

When required to leave, the law firm said, these parents will be forced to either separate from their children and find another home for them in the CNMI, or to take these U.S. citizen children away from their home country and the opportunities and benefits of growing up in the U.S.

Jenner & Block said the challenged provisions of CNRA abrogate the CNMI's right of local self-government by denying the Commonwealth the right to regulate its local workforce and economy.

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benefits to recipients in the CNMI, including increasing the food stamp benefit levels of Tinian and Rota recipients.

"[The USDA review] will reveal what other regulations, deductions or administrative actions are available that would allow us to reach additional citizens of the Northern Marianas with benefits or to increase benefit levels to current participants. I will share this analysis with you when it is complete," Sablan told Fitial in a three-page letter, a copy of which was obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The Fitial administration said yesterday it has been negotiating with the federal government to further increase program funding.

Sablan, who recently met with U.S. Agriculture Undersecretary Kevin W. Concannon, asked whether the CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs has considered the need to use its administrative power to increase food stamp benefits for Rota and Tinian.

DCCA administers the federal funded food stamp program in the CNMI.

Despite higher prices of basic commodities on Rota and Tinian than on Saipan, food stamp beneficiaries on the two islands get the same level of benefits as those on Saipan.

DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao, in a telephone interview yesterday, said he has yet to see a copy of Sablan's letter to Fitial but said the administration will respond to the letter shortly.

Faisao said DCCA and the Fitial administration have been doing their best in negotiating further increases in food stamp benefits and funding for the CNMI.

He also said that in a July 2009 negotiation between the CNMI government and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, he asked for an increase in food stamp funding from $12.148 million in Fiscal Year 2010 to $15 million.

President Obama signed the FY 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bills increasing by almost $2 million the food stamp funding for the CNMI.

This paved the way for the CNMI to receive $12.148 million in FY 2010, compared to only $10.187 million in FY 2009.

Sablan, in his three-page letter to Fitial, said by winning the $12.148 million, the CNMI has locked in the 13.6 percent increase in food stamp funding that he was able to negotiate with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack earlier this year.

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to face off in another election.

With this Saturday's general election split into a four-way race for the gubernatorial post, the likelihood of the CNMI having its first runoff election is quite high. But how will it actually work?

Micronesian Legal Services counsel Jane Mack said that Public Law 16-43 applies only to the race for governor and lieutenant governor, which is essentially one race as those candidates are teamed together for the vote.

A runoff, she said, is called only if no candidate receives 50-percent plus one vote or better of all the votes that are cast and counted. This means the percentage is determined from the number of legitimate ballots cast. It will not include defective ballots and registered voters who didn't vote.

Counting will also take into consideration ballots with undervotes and overvotes. An undervote occurs when the number of choices selected by a voter is less than the maximum number allowed for that contest or when no selection is made for a single choice contest. An overvote, on the other hand, is a ballot showing the selection of more candidates or choices than are allowed in a given race or referendum.

Mack said that, if a ballot has an undervote, the ballot will be counted. If it has an overvote, that ballot portion with the overvote is deemed ineffective, but the rest of the ballot will be counted.

"So all votes that are cast and counted in the governor's race are added up, then 50 percent is calculated, and one vote is added to that number, and the highest vote-getters' tally is compared to that number. If the highest vote-getters' tally exceeds that number, they win. If not, there is a runoff election and the two highest scoring teams are the only ones on the runoff ballot," she said.

Susceptible to issues

Private lawyer Stephen C. Woodruff identified some aspects of the law that he said are most susceptible to generating issues.

In the statute's reference to "votes cast and counted," Woodruff said that if a vote is cast but not counted, it will not be included in determining the denominator used to calculate whether the top vote-getter obtained a majority or not.

This is good, he said, because it reduces as far as possible the chances of a runoff.

He said that despite the "count every vote" mantra arising from the Florida 2000 Bush election debacle, there are circumstances where it is legitimate not to count a vote cast, such as when the voter has spoiled the ballot by marking more than one governor/lieutenant governor tandem or by trying, inconclusively, to change his or her vote from one tandem to another such that it cannot be determined for whom the voter ultimately intended to vote.

The sole point of ambiguity he can identify is what happens if one of the top two teams drops out of the race after the general election.

"This is not an idle hypothetical, because some have suggested that if Ben/Eloy and Juan Pan/Joe Camacho are the top two teams, the team that comes in second intends to concede the election to the other," he said.

In the event of a withdrawal by one of the top two vote-getters, the other tandem must be considered the victor by concession, he pointed out.

Woodruff said this is convenient because it would avoid the necessity of a runoff election, but probably bad policy, because it would again result in having a chief executive selected by a minority of voters.

The better policy, he said, is to proceed with a runoff among the general election's top two vote-getters.

Very tight timeline

Woodruff said the Election Commission is on a very tight timeline for the runoff because the general election results should be certified by Nov. 21, and the runoff election must take place on Saturday, Dec. 5. Results of the runoff are to be certified on Dec. 19 while inauguration day is set on Jan. 11, 2010.

"It would be nice if the Election Commission could certify the election results even before expiration of the 14-day period for receipt of absentee ballots if the number of potential absentee ballots outstanding is not large enough to possibly change the results," he said.

This would allow the timeline for the runoff election to be moved forward, he added.

Eligible voter lists and specimen ballots must also be distributed by Nov. 28, while absentee ballots for the runoff election must be mailed out by Nov. 26.

"Ironically, absentee ballots must be mailed out before the deadline for specimen ballots to be available, but this is an insubstantial anomaly. Presumably, absentee ballots will automatically go out to all voters who requested one be mailed for the general election—and voters can still vote absentee at the Election Commission offices anytime from Nov. 26 [the date for availability of absentee ballots] until the day before the runoff election," he said.

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noon, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

The incident happened between 10:30am to 11am when the backwash from a passing boat hit Alampayan and his companion.

The Department of Public Safety is expected to release today more information about the drowning.

Saipan Tribune learned from witnesses that Alampayan and three male companions had been spear fishing inside the reef since 8:30am, splitting into two pairs. The victim was with a certain Ryan, while Rick Dela Cruz was with his son.

After a few hours, as the group was about to go back to shore, a passing boat triggered large waves that swept Alampayan and Ryan outside the reef line.

Ryan said he saw Alampayan waving his hands and calling his name for help. "I panicked too. I had cramps in my legs," said Ryan, adding that he saw Alampayan drift away. He believes Alampayan also had leg cramps.

Ryan said he then asked for help from another passing boat. He got into the boat and they searched for Alampayan. Other boats came by to assist the search. After a few minutes, one of the boats found the victim floating.

As soon as the boat carrying the victim arrived at the shore, an ambulance transported him to CHC where a doctor later pronounced him dead.

The other companion, Dela Cruz, said he was not aware of what had happened because he was busy fishing underwater. He said he and his son were far from Alampayan's and Ryan's location.

Alampayan had two children in the Philippines. His father had just passed away last month. His mother is on Saipan.

Alampayan used to work as a landscaper for Joeten Enterprises.

Alampayan's uncle, Linel "Toto" Aureo, appealed to the Filipino and local community to help them pay for burial and other expenses. He said those who want to help may contact him at 483-4303.

Alampayan is the third drowning victim in the CNMI this year.

Last Aug. 15, Korean businessman Gi Cheol Han drowned when he fell from the cliff line while fishing in Cow Town, Marpi. Boating Safety police officers found him stuck between two rocks on the sea floor about 10 to 15 feet deep.

Last June, a Japanese tourist drowned while swimming with his wife at the beach behind the Hyatt Regency.

CHAMBER

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with CW-1 status to zero as required by the federalization law.

The Chamber, during its monthly membership meeting yesterday, also expressed disappointment over the absence of U.S. Labor and U.S. State Department representatives in the CNMI to answer questions about the federalization law specific to their agencies, including the issuance of CW-1 and CW-2 transitional worker visas.

At the same time, Jerry Aevermann, the incoming U.S. Customs and Border Protection's interim port director for the CNMI, told Chamber members that CBP's own regulations as they relate to the federalization of the islands are still being worked on.

Aevermann, who is currently the assistant port director in Guam, answered questions from Chamber members mostly on travel restrictions for CNMI foreign workers.

Employers asked whether their foreign workers with valid B-1 and B-2 visas can still attend training or meetings in Guam or the U.S. mainland and be able to come back using their valid CNMI work permit.

The DHS interim final rule does not honor a CNMI valid permit to be used to re-enter the CNMI on or after Nov. 28. Instead, it requires a CW-1 visa to be obtained from a U.S. embassy outside the CNMI only after the worker's employer already applied for and obtained CW status from DHS.

Aevermann reiterated that they expect some 53 CBP officers to be on Saipan and Rota to control the borders by Nov. 28. He said these 53 personnel have been identified, but none of them are already physically in the CNMI. Between 12 and 15 of these temporary duty officers will be coming from Guam, and the rest will be from different states in the mainland.

Aevermann also showed a video presentation of CBP's mission and functions.

CBP, one of DHS' largest and most complex components, has a priority mission of keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the U.S. It also has a responsibility for securing and facilitating trade and travel while enforcing hundreds of U.S. regulations, including immigration and drug laws.

'Unfair'

Jim Arenovski, president of the Chamber, urged members to review the interim final rule on the CNMI transitional worker program posted on www.regulations.gov.

"Take the time to make a comment," he said, adding that it was disappointing that only a few submitted comments on the CNMI E-2 investor rules, whose comment period wrapped up last month.

Arenovski said there are some things the Chamber has discussed repeatedly with federal officials that are still not adequately addressed in the regulations.

For example, workers who are granted federal CW status are not allowed to leave and return to the CNMI without a U.S. work visa.

"We feel that not allowing our workers the freedom to travel with assurances that they will be able to return, which they have been able to do under our local system, is unfair to employees and employers," he said.

The Chamber president said for some larger companies, the ability to petition for a job position with multiple workers in the same category may prove cost effective, but that opportunity is not such a financial relief for small businesses with only one person in each position.

DHS also specifically asked Chamber for comments on what would be the best plan for reducing the number of foreign workers with CW status to zero.

"It is shocking to me that they do not yet have a plan for this. This has been one of the biggest issues we have been asking federal officials about since the signing of the CNRA and they still have not come up with an answer," said Arenovski, as he pushed for the granting of a CNMI-only H-2 style worker category.

H visas are for temporary workers in the U.S. An H-2A visa is for temporary agricultural worker, while an H-2B visa is for temporary skilled and unskilled workers.

Arenovski proposed that the CNMI-only H-2 worker category would be managed by the U.S. Labor and DHS, and will provide the CNMI the ability to bring in workers as needed under a federally managed system.

"This would provide a long-term solution to the problem and would encourage employment of local workers, inasmuch as the federal H visa program requires a showing that an employer has first attempted to hire a U.S. citizen worker," he said.

'Troubling'

Arenovski said the CNMI has not seen or met with any State Department and the U.S. Labor representatives here, barely three weeks before the Nov. 28 start of federalization.

He said this should be "troubling" to anyone impacted by the federalization law.

So far, only DHS and its component agencies like USCIS and CBP have been visible in the CNMI, meeting with government and private sector representatives on matters related to the implementation of Public Law 110-229 or the Consolidated Natural Resources Act.

USCIS has been holding public hearings and forums on the interim final rule.

DHS, U.S. Labor and the U.S. State Department are among the agencies involved in the formulation and implementation of regulations governing CNRA.

In his written message to members, Arenovski said there are aspects of the CNRA that only the U.S. State Department and U.S. Labor can answer.

"Their complete absence during the lead up to Nov. 28 is troubling to me and should be troubling to anyone whose life and livelihood is impacted by this law," he said.

On Nov. 28, U.S. immigration laws will be extended to the CNMI, which has administered its own immigration system for 33 years.

Divorce filings top Family Court cases

Fund wants cutoff for early retirement option

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The NMI Retirement Fund board of trustees wants to set June 14, 2012, as the ending date for eligible Fund members to opt for early retirement.

The Fund is now seeking public comments on the proposal to insert this amendment on the statute. Comments will be accepted within 30 days from the proposal's date of publication, which was Oct. 29.

The changes will affect both Class 1 and Class 2 members of the Fund.

Class 1 members are employees of the CNMI government, public corporations, agencies and instrumentalities hired on or before January 2007. Class 2 members are government employees who were Fund members prior to May 7, 1989, who did not elect to transfer to Class 1.

The proposed regulation stated that those who elect to take early retirement after June 14, 2007—the effective date of Public Law 15-70—will have until June 14, 2012 to take advantage of the lump sum benefit they are entitled to.

The same proposed rules state that a person eligible to avail of early retirement may pay to the Fund prior to his/her retirement a lump sum amount equivalent to the difference between Class 1 and 2 contributions. These payment include interest for all periods in which the member was required to make contributions but not beyond June 14, 2012.

The proposed regulation makes clear that such payment does not constitute conversion from Class 1 to Class II.

"Rather, it entitles the member to receive an annuity equivalent to the full amount the member would have been entitled to receive at age 62," the proposed regulation states.

No payment of such lump sum amount shall be allowed by installment or by deduction from the member's annuity.

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Divorce proceedings once again topped all other cases filed in the Family Court Division of the CNMI Superior Court in 2008.

According to the Judiciary's 2008 Annual Report, a total of 776 cases were filed in the Family Court last year. Of that number, 244 were divorce cases, followed by 159 Family Protection Act (restraining orders).

There were 227 divorce cases filed on Saipan, eight on Tinian, and nine on Rota, for a total of 244.

In the last few years, divorces were also the highest among 16 types of cases in the Family Court. In 2006 there were 233 divorce cases; in 2007 there were 223.

The Judiciary's statistics also showed a similar increasing trend in Family Protection Act cases. From 172 in 2006, the number of cases rose to 198 in 2007.

The Family Court Division under associate judge Kenneth Govendo began offering last year a service to parents and children called "The Separating Parents Program," which aims to educate parents about the effects of divorce or separation on their children.

"We start off with a brief summary of the laws regarding custody and visitation and then move on to a detailed description of how children are affected by the separation of their parents," Govendo said.

Aside from divorce and Family Protection Act cases, other cases before the Family Court are adoption, alimony, annulment, change of name, civil commitment, emancipation, guardian *ad litem*, guardianship, paternity, petition to correct birth certificate, Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, wardship, and juvenile.

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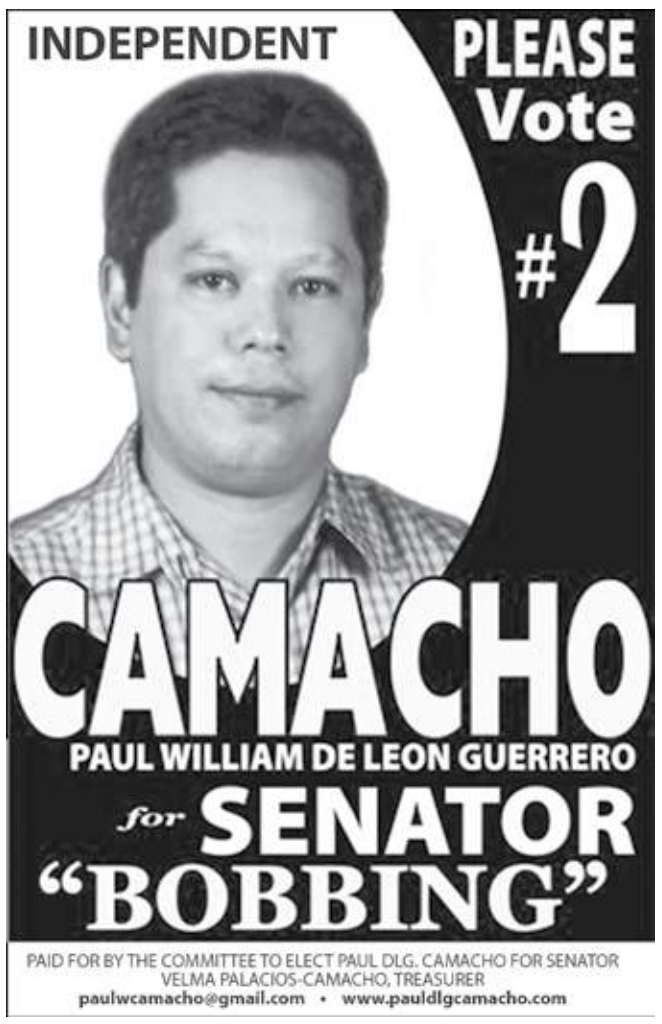

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I am supporting Juan Pan and Joe and other independent candidates running with them. It is important to support these candidates—it's a chance to fix our islands. Juan Pan and Joe are not tied to any group or political party who can hold them back from accomplishing their goal of improving life in the Commonwealth. I ask you to join me in voting for Juan Pan and Joe on November 7.

—Governor Carlos Sablan Camacho

This is one of the most significant elections in the history of the Commonwealth. We can elect career politicians who have had, collectively, decades of opportunities to bring about change, or we can elect the two candidates who actually represent change for the better—Juan Pan and Joe Camacho. Our businesses, our economy, and our community deserve nothing less than the two candidates who will lead us to a better tomorrow. Please join me in voting for Juan Pan and Joe Camacho.

—David M. Sablan

Juan Pan has made many civic and volunteer contributions through his work at the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund and other organizations. Juan Pan has also been a successful business leader in our community for many years. Joe Camacho is a licensed attorney and also holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He is presently the Floor Leader of the 16th Legislature. He has worn many other hats including teacher and policeman. In these challenging times, I strongly urge you to vote for the team that has the experience and the ability to lead the Commonwealth and not just to vote along family or party lines. Juan Pan and Joe Camacho are that team!

—Emi Peter-Palican

A lifetime in politics does not equal proven leadership and proven experience. Juan Pan and Joe are proven leaders with decades of proven experience in private business, government service, and civic organizations. They are the team to lead the Commonwealth. Please join me in voting for them.

—Gordon Marciano

Over the past 25 years I have witnessed firsthand Juan's dedication to the community and his can-do attitude towards challenges that we face. Juan and Joe are genuinely interested in bringing about a better Marianas for us all. Juan and Joe have experience as leaders, however they know that it requires hard work from all of us and only together can we find an effective solution to better our lives. Juan and Joe understand the importance of team work and the role in plays in getting things done, this team is committed to bringing about real change, change that we deserve.

—Jerry Facey

The American Red Cross is one of the most important charitable organizations in the United States and it's affiliates in many parts of the world. Nearly 25 years ago, Juan Pan volunteered to help bring the American Red Cross to the Northern Marianas, and in so doing, recruited wonderful volunteers and families to advance the cause of this great organization.

From their years of dedication and tireless selfless deeds, Juan Pan and his fellow ARC volunteers and their families have helped thousands of our people in their time of need, and have inspired so many of us in truly giving back to our community. Indeed, Juan Pan has been a true public servant in so many ways. He truly cares for the people in the Northern Marianas and it is because of this that I personally know Juan Pan will give his heart to being a great leader and continue to be a good public servant for the people of the Commonwealth. Just like the American Red Cross holds a beacon of hope for those in the aftermath of a disaster, Juan Pan holds a beacon of hope for our CNMI people in such destitute times.

With all due respect to our people in the Commonwealth and abroad, I humbly ask each and every voter to please give gubernatorial candidate, Juan Pan , and his running mate for lieutenant governor, Joe Norita Camacho, a chance to lead our people and the Commonwealth in the next 4 years.

I truly thank each and every voter, so please do not forget to exercise your individual right to VOTE... on November 7th, May God bless all the candidates, their families and our people in the Northern Marianas.

—Susana (Susan) Tudela Palacios Schwarz

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATES

PRECINCT 1

RAYMOND ULLOA PALACIOS

Representative, Precinct 1
Independent

What makes you qualified for the position you are running for?

I am a citizen of the United States and have been residing here in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for over 45 years. I have good credentials, personal integrity, and a productive member of our community.

What accomplishments have you achieved that qualifies you to become a lawmaker?

I am a CNMI government public servant retiree, who worked 20 long years at the Division of Revenue and Taxation and acquired in-service professional development trainings. Furthermore, I was involved in the enforcement of the CNMI tax rules and regulations.

What measure do you intend to work on first once elected to office?

I will prioritize to protect the interest of the people of Precinct 1 and advocate issues that affect our political, social, economical, and cultural aspects of our society. I will reasonably support to increase funding appropriation toward education; efficient medical referral processing; economic development; youth recreational programs; public safety and environmental issues.

What is your position on the issues of:

a) Applying the Open Government Act to the Legislature?

I completely agree in applying the Open Government Act to the Legislature. The Legislature belongs to the people and the public should be given access to examine issues that affects their lives.

b) Reducing size of the Legislature?

I will definitely support to reduce the size of the Legislature. There are too many representatives and downsizing the lLegislature is one effective way to cut costs and save taxpayers dollars.

c) Cutting the salaries of lawmakers?

The salaries for lawmakers are reasonable, considering the effort, time and commitment that is required. However, unnecessary spending by any lawmaker should not be permitted.

ERRATUM

In the *Saipan Tribune* supplement published Nov. 4, 2009, we incorrectly used the picture of Precinct 2 Rep. Raymond D. Palacios of the Covenant Party for the responses of independent Precinct 1 candidate Raymond Ulloa Palacios. To make up for it, we are republishing here Mr. Raymond Ulloa Palacios' responses together with the correct picture. Our apologies for the unintended error.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 5, 1999

Go out and vote

All is set for tomorrow's political exercise as the CNMI's 14,325 voters gear up to pick new senators, congressmen, municipal councilors and Board of Education members, and to decide whether or not they want to amend the CNMI Constitution. The voters will also decide if they want Timothy Bellas to continue serving as a Superior Court judge after the expiration of his term. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tallying of votes will proceed immediately at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Board of Elections Executive Director Gregorio Sablan appealed to candidates and their supporters to "avoid intimidation" at polling places and help in keeping the elections peaceful and orderly.

Teno: 'Let your conscience decide'

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio called on voters to go out and exercise their political rights as he expressed disappointment over lack of public education on crucial constitutional amendments up for ratification at tomorrow's midterm elections. More than 14,000 voters are expected to troop to polling places this Saturday to pick their representatives to the House, the Senate, Board of Education and the municipal council as well as cast their ballots on four legislative initiatives and on a judge retention. In an interview on the eve of the polls, the governor said he is optimistic the people will choose their leaders and decide on critical issues based on what their "conscience and desire" tell them.

Nov. 5, 2001

GOP in landslide victory

GOP gubernatorial tandem Juan N. Babauta and Diego T. Benavente led the Republican Party to a landslide victory in Saturday's general election. The BB tandem grabbed 42.8 percent of the total votes cast, followed by Covenant Party's Benigno R. Fitial and Rita H. Inos with 2,963 votes or 24.4 percent of the overall votes. Unofficial election results showed that Babauta and Benavente took a landslide victory in Election District 1 with 1,924 votes; Election District 2 with 297 votes; Election District 3 with 1,023 votes; Election District 4 with 989 votes; Election District 5 with 409 votes; Election District 6 with 498 votes; and Northern Island District with 54 votes.

...as Republicans celebrate

A sudden drizzle at 7:30am couldn't dampen the exuberant spirits at the Republican Party headquarters yesterday morning, as supporters whooped it up at the apparent victory of the Babauta-Benavente tandem in the Saturday polls. The cheers and the catcalls floated across the early morning air on Middle Road, with expansive applause punctuating the speeches made by the winning tandem, minutes after the Board of Elections finished counting the unofficial tally of votes, with Washington Rep. Juan N. Babauta and Rep. Diego Benavente leading the Fitial-Inos team by 2,231 votes. A composed but evidently pleased Babauta expressed thanks to all his supporters for his victory and promised them a big celebration party, much to the delight of the mostly yellow-shirted crowd.

Nov. 5, 2002

Comfy airport checks sought

The Rota and Tinian Legislative Delegations are seeking to streamline intra-CNMI airport inspections, with a proposal that passengers entering the Commonwealth be subjected to general inspection only at their final island destination. Sen. Joaquin Adriano, chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, has requested Gov. Juan N. Babauta to review the current policy requiring all passengers arriving at the Rota airport-transiting from Guam-to deplane and pass through Immigration, Customs and Quarantine prior to their final destination: either Tinian or Saipan.

Experts to discuss NMI's fuel situation

The House Committee on Commerce has invited on—and off-island gasoline experts to discuss with the House of Representatives the CNMI's fuel situation, according to committee chair Rep. Andrew S. Salas. The commerce committee has tapped the expertise of Pacific Petroleum CEO Richard Reddy, who is reportedly bringing to Saipan in mid-November an executive of a major oil supplier. "This person [Reddy] has an abundance of gasoline experience. I have scheduled him to meet with the House. He's bringing in a major supplier of gasoline to the area. We're going to meet with the Governor and the Senate," said Salas.

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EDITORIAL

Afghanistan: Now what?

In the first round of balloting, Afghan President Hamid Karzai received 1 million "ghost votes" from people who simply didn't exist. When those were eliminated, he lacked the requisite plurality and was pressed by his Western backers into agreeing to a runoff—only to see his challenger drop out in anticipation of further fraud. Faced with a one-man race, the Independent Election Commission on Monday canceled the second round and returned Karzai to power for a second five-year term.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has tried to put a positive spin on all this, saying that candidates pull out of elections even in the United States and that the withdrawal of former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah does not affect the legitimacy of the process. But the Obama administration looks silly pretending this is anything but a mess. Although we had our doubts about the Afghan government's ability to pull off a safe and clean runoff, we had hoped there would be one. Now, although he received more votes than anyone else the first time and likely would have won a second vote, Karzai looks like a president by default, and his government looks increasingly illegitimate.

President Obama telephoned Karzai to congratulate him on his second term and to try to move forward, urging formation of a Cabinet that is representative of the country's ethnic and political groups, and reforms to address the corruption and incompetence that has eroded Afghan confidence in Karzai. This is at the root of the problem not only with the presidential election but with the whole U.S. enterprise in Afghanistan. After eight years, nearly $225 billion spent and 68,000 troops currently deployed, it is difficult to see progress in nation-building, and the Taliban is resurgent.

The status quo cannot continue. Obama has yet to decide whether he will heed the call of the U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, for up to 40,000 more troops, but he has said he will not walk away from the country altogether. If that's the case, it seems Obama has no choice but to hold his nose and press on with a weakened ally. Given that, he must push for a national unity government in Kabul to broaden its base of support and, at the same time, help develop a more decentralized administration of a land that has always been a loose collection of tribes and districts. Decentralization would allow the West to spread its resources to regional leaders rather than concentrating them in the hands of Karzai and his clique. Any U.S. strategy for stabilizing Afghanistan and drawing support away from the Taliban depends on a political leadership perceived as legitimate and a government that serves its people.

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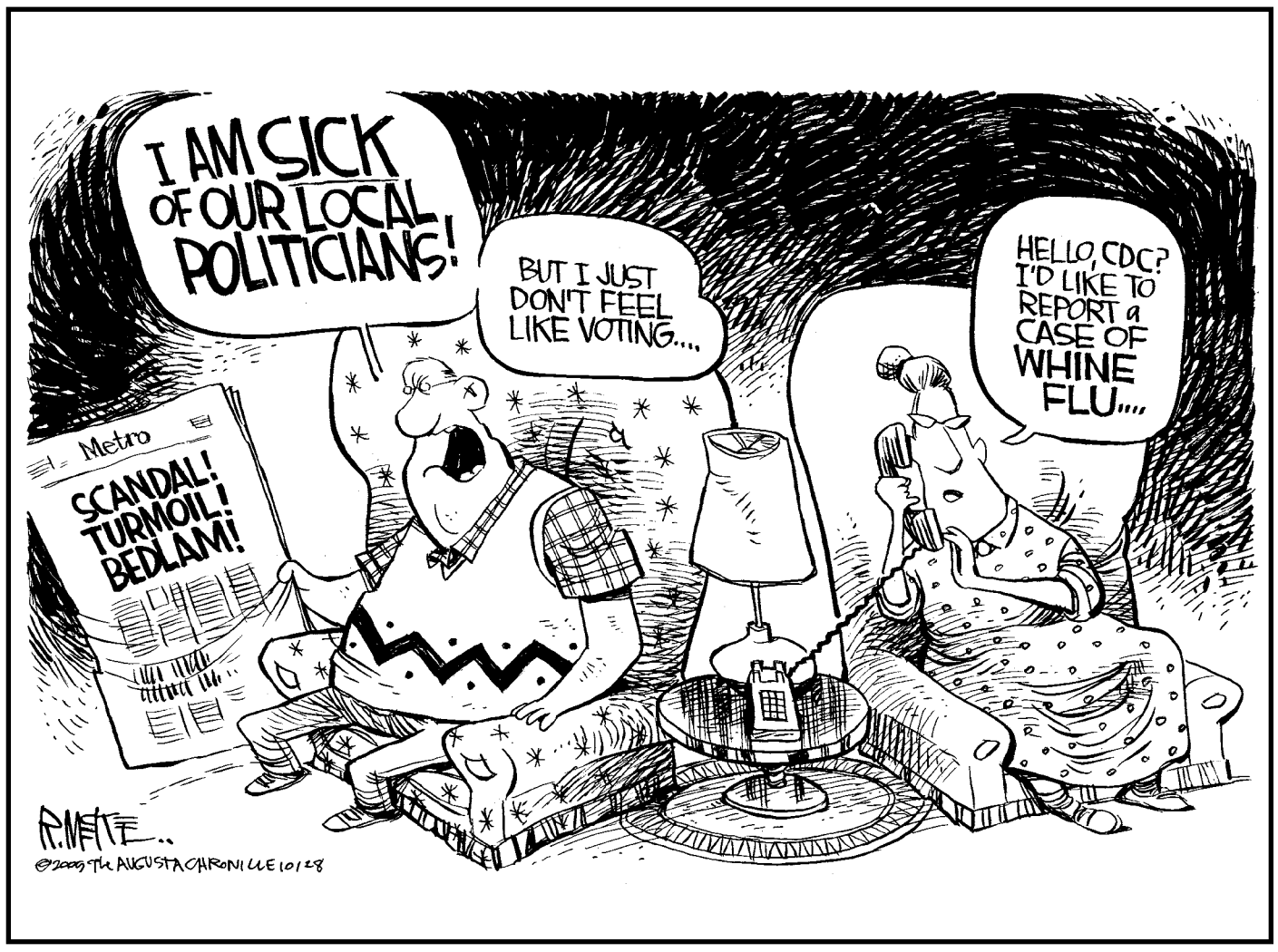
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Letter to the Editor

My vote on 4 initiatives and why

In the hope that some may find it helpful, I have spelled out how I intend to vote on the initiatives on Saturday's ballot, and why.

The first question listed under the constitutional initiatives asks voters to approve (or not) House Legislative Initiative 15-3, which would amend Article XV, Sections 1(c) and (e) to make the public school non-voting representative to the Board of Education a high school student, would eliminate the requirement for an "exclusive bargaining representative" to identify the teacher non-representative to the Board, and would require that the 15 percent of the annual budget allotted to the public school system by the Constitution be awarded by an annual appropriation.

I intend to vote no on this proposed amendment for two reasons. In the first place, the amendment provides that the Legislature define how the teacher non-voting representative to the Board of Education be determined. I think this responsibility belongs to the teachers themselves. They should determine how their non-voting representative is selected. It should not be done for them.

In addition, I question the usefulness of adding the requirement that the monies allocated to PSS be done through annual appropriation. In the first place, it is always better to be more flexible than less so. In the second place, the whole appropriations game is so fraught with loopholes, potholes and backroom politics that I just don't feel comfortable having PSS monies distributed solely through that process.

The second question on the ballot asks voters to approve (or not) House Legislative Initiative 16-11, which would amend Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution and thereby prohibit the withdrawal of any funds from the General Fund except by appropriations made by law Article XV Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. I intend to vote no to this proposed amendment as well. In the first place, there is the puzzling insertion of the words "Article XV Section 2(a)," on the sample displayed on the Election Commission Web site, which has nothing to do with the subject of this amendment, but with Northern Marianas College.

In the second place, the question doesn't really reflect the subject of the proposed amendment, which is the annual budget. The proposed amendment would suspend the governor's salary if s/he did not submit an annual balanced budget to the Legislature on time, and would suspend the legislators' salaries if they did not approve a balanced budget before the beginning of the new fiscal year, which strikes me as totally unrealistic—who's going to enforce that? How?

And thirdly, the amendment proposes that while no funds could be withdrawn from the General Fund if there is no budget in place, it also provides that basic government health, safety and welfare services would remain available. Without further definition and/or guidelines, this provision offers a huge loophole for appropriating all sorts of monies even though there isn't an approved balanced budget in place.

The third question *(Please note: This is NOT a Constitutional Initiative, even if it is listed under that heading! Nor is it merely a "local" law, as identified on the ballot.)* asks voters to approve (or not) amendment to the Open Government Act of 2007 so that its provisions apply to the Legislature and Legislative Bureau as well as to the Judiciary and to the Executive Branch of government.

I intend to vote yes to this proposed amendment to the law because I firmly believe that all three branches of government—the Judiciary, the Executive, and the Legislative, should be held equally accountable under the terms of the Open Government Act. It was an act of cowardice of the Legislature to exempt itself from the law it passed. This needs to be corrected.

The fourth question asks voters to approve (or not) Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11, which would amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the CNMI Constitution to provide that the CNMI hold its election in even-numbered years. This would eliminate holding a separate election, between CNMI regular elections, to elect CNMI's non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, as is now required.

I intend to vote no to this proposed amendment to the CNMI Constitution because, as it now stands, it gives everyone elected to office in 2009 an extra year in office. The new Section 3, Implementation—and again, the Commission has confused things because there already *is* a Section 3, labeled "Election Procedures," in this Article—could have called for everyone elected to office in 2009 to serve one year LESS in office, but self-servingly, the Legislature chose to give itself one more, not one less, year.

To avoid House members having to run for election again after only one year in office, the implementation could have called for House members to get one more year, but all other elected officials to get one less. But it did not. And without further discussion, without opportunity for public input, I am not willing to support such a self-serving provision.

Legislative initiatives to amend the Constitution require a majority of the votes cast to become effective. The Constitution says that popular initiatives amending the Constitution require a two-thirds majority of votes cast in each of two senatorial districts, but I am not clear as to whether this applies to an initiative amending a public law as the proposed Open Government amendment does.

A word of caution: Be sure you know what you are voting for, or against! The pitfalls are many.

Ruth L. Tighe
Tanapag, Saipan

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The heart grows fonder

"Is there someone you know; you're loving them so, but taking them all for granted? Then you lose them one day; someone takes them away, and they don't hear the words you long to say. I would give anything I own. I'd give up my life, my heart, my home. I would give everything I own just to have you back again. Just to touch you once again." – David Gates

I've just experienced the longest five weeks of my life. This semester I'm teaching seven college classes with about 140 total students. Then Janel's mother fell ill, and had open-heart surgery. Because of her poor health, we weren't sure if she would make it, so Janel flew to Texas to help her during her recovery. Janel left the end of September and I took over her role and responsibilities on top of mine.

If the saying that distance makes the heart grow fonder is true, I've developed a profound fondness for my bride. Distance and time have a way of making one appreciate the simple things that are often overlooked in loved ones. Military service causes couples and families to be separated for an extended length of time. I remember how exciting it was to come home after a long temporary duty assignment, and the unspeakable joy of seeing my wife and children again.

If distance makes the heart grow fonder, then constant contact has the potential to desensitize the love that was once felt. Sometimes individuals forget the reasons and feelings that caused them to fall in love, and they lose someone because of carelessness, or they simply take them for granted. As in the song, "*I Would Give Anything"* by David Gates, we soon realize how much we've lost and would give anything to just have them back again.

It is possible to remain committed and fabulously in love with someone if you make the time to renew your relationship on a regular basis and count the blessings that come from your commitment. In the movie, *The Love Dare*, it features a couple who were once in love like every couple who makes the promise to love and live with only one person in marriage. Over time they begin to distance themselves emotionally from each other. She fills her emptiness by focusing on her work and her ill mother, and he turns to pornography. Over time, their once intertwined relationship begins to unravel, and they find themselves living as hostile strangers in the same house, and sleeping with a cold body in the same bed.

The solution comes when the husband is given some advice from his father to take the love dare and spend the next 40 days on a journey to daily renew his love for his wife. You can spend $14.99 to take the same challenge, or you can simply treat your special someone in the same way you did when you first met. Get to know each other in a whole new way, and take the time each day to call, write a quick note, or do a simple activity that shows someone how much you care about them.

Too often the courtship ends shortly after the honeymoon. A simple commitment you can make to each other is to continue your courtship by going on a date once a week. Go to a movie, have lunch or dinner, shop, or just spend time together without the children. We've made the commitment to go on a date at least once a week and it has become an essential activity to renew our relationship. Those moments help to recharge the relationship battery and show that we care for one another.

By RIK and JANEL VILLEGAS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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A date doesn't have to be elaborate—although it's nice to go all out once in awhile. Living on a resort island allows you to experience something at local rates that tourists spend hundreds of dollars for the same experience. Spend the night at a hotel, go on a dinner cruise, rent a convertible and pretend you are a tourist for a day. Just have fun together.

Don't live with tomorrow's regret for not showing someone special how much you love them today. In the song, *"If Tomorrow Never Comes"* by Garth Brooks, it stresses the importance of making sure that the someone you love knows how you feel about them today and always.

"If tomorrow never comes, will she know how much I love her? Did I try in every way, to show her every day that she's my only one? And if my time on earth were through, she must face this world with out me. Is the love I gave her in the past going to be enough to last, if tomorrow never comes? So tell that someone that you love just what you're thinking of, if tomorrow never comes."

Letters to the Editor

Good and bad apples

The last 19 months I have attended 26 meetings at the House of Representatives. My friends often ask me why do I take the time? My reasons are simple: 1) I enjoy the drama and politics of the meetings. 2) The process of governance is important to understand. 3) People watching is a hobby of mine and the legislators are very interesting. 4) I want to understand the issues facing the people, and finally, 5) there is no better place to be in order to experience the CNMI.

It is interesting to me to see who else attends these meetings. About 80 percent of the time I was the only person in the gallery except for one or two reporters from the newspapers or Channel 2 News. The fact that the citizens of the CNMI do not attend is a disappointment to me but that is their choice. I personally feel that they are missing the most "important show in town." If the people attended they could see firsthand how they are being served in the House. Believe me, there are huge differences between their representatives.

The best representatives arrive at the meetings on time fully prepared and ready to discuss the issues. Most members fit into this "best" category. The poorest (20 percent) arrive up to an hour late and bring their newspapers and magazine to read during the meetings. I have even seen some shopping on eBay on their laptops. This latter group I personally would not want to vote for, but if you do not attend the meetings how can you know?

There are different personalities in the House, some of the best engage the other members in debate, are open and transparent, they look for solutions for improvement, ask questions of the committee chairpersons to clarify issues and to see if public opinions have been sought. This outstanding group (70 percent) also brings their expertise in the law and other experiences to help the other members understand issues. I often felt the passion of these legislators to help the people of the CNMI. On the other hand there are members of the house that are "bullies" just wanting to push through their personal agenda with no debate, introducing their bills at the last minute so there was no discussion. They were not interested in the CNMI as a whole; they only wanted to get their small group of supporter's special favors. This latter group often put forth bills that I call "feel-good bills." They spend money on small issues that make the voters feel good, but do little to solve the huge problems we have in the CNMI. I view this feel-good activity as a kind of deception, to "enjoy your last meal before the hanging." There can be so many feel-good bills there is no money left for the really important issues.

I consider the power of the vote in the House of Representatives to be sacred; it represents the power of the people. The outstanding members of the House treat their vote as it should be: profound, important, accountable, transparent, and defendable! The "bullies" often do not even seem to care. I have personally seen one representative come into the meeting one hour late while a vote was being taken and ask, "What are we voting on?" He said, "Oh, I am against that, no!" Then a few minutes later he would ask to abstain. Is that the way people want to be represented?? I hope not!

There has been many times during the last two years when the Legislative and the Executive Branches of our government have been totally in disagreement. Veto overrides, lawsuits, non-cooperation, lack of any synergy, just downright bad intentions that do not help the people. As examples: the problems at CUC, CHC, DPL, etc., etc., the lawsuit against the federal government and not disclosing the cost, building a soccer field vs. fixing schoolrooms. And the one that made me feel the worst, three governor appointees convicted as felons for stealing from the people. I saw the debates in the House about this issue and it made me so sad to see how the trust that the people had given their elected officials was betrayed. Worst yet, some member of the House seemed to support the felons!

I do not need to name names; people know who has caused our government to fail to provide for their needs. People are smart; they ask the right questions, they are perhaps too polite to point fingers at the representatives that did not really represent all the people. We need transparency in our legislative processes; I hope that the people of the CNMI will vote for open government! We all know who the good and the bad apples are, so cast your vote the way you wish, but remember there are always consequences!

Frank Stewart
Capital Hill, Saipan

An appeal to kids of guest workers

To U.S. citizen children of guest workers and permanent residents and to their parents: Our goal is not easy and our fight has not ended. There is still the need to place the best people on a seat in the government who could make a difference in our lives. We still need a government where each citizen has a voice, a government that listens to its citizens and not just to the rich ones.

Those who are opposing our cause right now are in powerful positions and their supporters are rich and have the means to hire lobbyists to block all the good possibilities.

Your parents are aliens here in your own home. Our supporters are many; some just remain silent just like you. But we, your parents as aliens here in the CNMI, have something the opposers do not own: our own U.S. citizen children! You have a voice in this coming election. Let our voice be heard through you. Make them hear us and make it loud.

Regardless of any criticisms, Tina Sablan, oftentimes alone, has stood for what she thinks is right for the people of the CNMI, not for just a chosen few. A candidate like her deserves your vote. If in case we, your alien parents and friends, won't have a permanent place here in the CNMI, if Tina Sablan gets a Senate seat, then we would know that when we leave, you are in good hands.

Malou Berueco
Ernest Maicle
Boni Sagana
Yho Villavicencio

The real deal

I'm just a "little guy"—just a guy who has lived here for the last 14-plus years, and happened to attend one of Tina Sablan's forums a little over a week ago. For those of you not aware of it, Tina Sablan is now a freshman CNMI representative, who is running for the CNMI Senate.

While at the forum, I met another attendee, Jay Solly, a very bright young man, who is no stranger to the halls of Congress. Jay spent years involved with the political scene in the States as a political consultant, and even worked at one time for a representative (from Florida, I believe he may have said).

About halfway through the meeting, and unable to contain himself any longer, Jay (with no small amount of amazement and awe in his voice), suddenly blurted out in Tina's direction, "You're the *real deal*!"

Yes, Tina Sablan is indeed the *real deal*. She has, as a CNMI freshman representative, proven this to be the case time and time again. She represents all of the people equally, regardless of family name or ethic background—something I have seldom been convinced of, in any other elected official, during my 14-plus years in the Commonwealth.

As a representative, Tina has consistently demonstrated that she represents the interests of the common citizens of the CNMI—the "little guys" like you and I.

Although only a freshman representative, Tina courageously stood up to the governor this year, challenging his assertion that he used no public funds in his lawsuit against the U.S. government over federalization. Having proven that the governor did in fact use public funds in his suit, she then took the governor to court in order to force him to comply with the Open Government Act and divulge which part of the budget those funds came from.

Tina Sablan was one of the few legislators who publicly supported the creation of a part-time and downsized Legislature, thereby in all probability decreasing her own salary, and potentially deleting her representative position altogether.

Tina actively supports the application of the Open Government Act to the Legislature, whereby she and other legislators would be forced to divulge to the public how and to what ends they are using our funds. Thanks in no small part to Tina Sablan, an initiative to that effect will now appear on the ballot, for citizens to vote on, this coming Nov. 7.

Going against big vested interests, and opting for the welfare of the "little guy," Tina Sablan supported the application of federal minimum wage laws to the CNMI.

In an effort to promote the frugal and prudent expenditure of public funds, Tina maintains no legislative staff, serving as her own secretary, runner, writer, and aide, and has spent less than $615 of her yearly office operation budget thus far since coming to office in January 2008.

Tina Sablan holds no campaign rallies, and does not solicit monetary or food contributions. She is beholden to no special interests, and promises no jobs, or favors.

These are only a few reasons why I will cast my vote for Tina Sablan for senator on Nov. 7.

Ron Mandell
Gualo Rai, Saipan

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy withisolated showers.	Partly cloudy withisolated showers.	Partly cloudy withisolated showers.
▲87 ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°

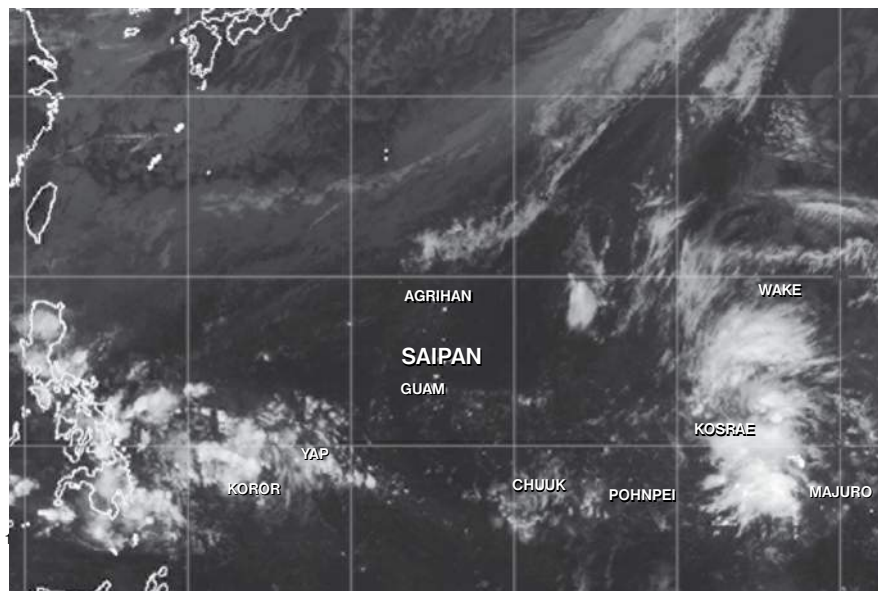
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲84	▼75
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼77
Yap	Rain	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼72
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲85	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲62	▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲61	▼43
Hong Kong	Showers	▲82	▼73
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼73
London	Cloudy	▲55	▼43
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	▲72	▼56
Manila	Showers	▲84	▼75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲67	▼44
Miami	Showers	▲84	▼70
New York	Showers	▲50	▼38
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼49
Paris	Cloudy	▲49	▼40
Pusan	Dreary	▲67	▼51
Rome	Cloudy	▲65	▼51
Salem	Rain	▲59	▼46
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲65	▼56
Seoul	Partly Sunny	▲63	▼42
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲69	▼51
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲57	▼39

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends southwestward from 25N147E to 18N130E. cloudiness and widespread rain are found along and up to 200 miles to the north of this feature. An upper-level low is centered southeast of Minami Tori Shima at 20N156E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are evident near the low within 100 miles of a line from 21N154E to 18N154E and from 17N157E to 23N160E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Yap and near Koror between 8N and 12N from 130E to 140E. A low-level trough arcs northward from a circulation near Kosrae at 6N163E to end at 16N163E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near and to the east of the trough axis between 6N and 17N from 162E to 168E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:57 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
10:04 AM Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
3:25 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
8:11 PM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:51 PM	8:21 AM
Friday	8:53 PM	9:23 AM
Saturday	9:57 PM	10:22 AM
Sunday	10:59 PM	11 :17 AM
Monday	11 :59 PM	12:07 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:30am	12:05pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:40pm	1:10pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:45am	5:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:30am	1:10pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:20pm	1:10pm	4, 5
C09603	3:15pm	4:05pm	Daily
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:20pm	10:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW297	4:45pm	7:30pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:15pm	9:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:20pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:30am	4:05am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:20am	2:50am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:20am	4:05am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	4:50pm	5:40pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW298	10:05pm	2:50pm	Daily
NW288	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	4, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
PR110/C09596	10:10pm	7:50am+1 via GUM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:55pm	2:20pm+1	2,4,6,7 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

KSPN to re-air gubernatorial debate, senatorial forum

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce's gubernatorial debate and senatorial forum will be broadcast on KSPN Thursday night and Friday night, Nov. 5 - 6. Both nights, the events will air on Channel 60 beginning at 7pm. On Thursday night, the gubernatorial debate will play first, followed by the senatorial forum. On Friday night, the senatorial forum will play first, followed by the gubernatorial debate. ***(SCC)***

'Thursdays with Tina' in Tanapag

"Thursdays with Tina" will take place tonight at Tanapag Beach, starting at 6pm. This is the fifth in a series of weekly community gatherings where independent senatorial candidate Christina-Marie "Tina" Sablan will present her platform, answer questions, and listen to concerns. Nov. 5 marks the last "Thursday with Tina" before Election Day on Saturday, Nov. 7. All are welcome! For more information, contact Tina at 285-3935, email tinasablan@gmail.com, or visit www.tinasablan.com.

Election coverage on Marianas Agupa

This Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, Marianas Agupa, the Chamorro radio talk show on Magic 100.3FM hosted by Glenn H. Manglona, will have a special election 2009 coverage.

- Election coverage from Rota with Thomas D. Mendiola from 9:15am to 9:45am
- Election coverage from Tinian with David Cing from 9:45am to 10:15am
- Election coverage on Saipan with Frank Soboleski of NMC from 10:30am to 11am
- Live radio remote coverage between 7pm until election results are completed on Magic 100.3FM.

The phone line at the radio station will be open for question during the show. Tune in for more on Magic 100.3 FM this Saturday between 9am and 11am. Live Internet broadcast on www.magic100radio.com will also be available. ***(PR)***

Reward for return of missing dog

A male boonie-bred dog, approximately 1-2 years old, with light brown and white markings, and responds to the name Rescue, has been missing since Nov. 3, 2009. Rescue was last seen near the Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamp) building in As Lito on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 3. NAP employees reported seeing the dog in the company of NAP clients but could not confirm the whereabouts of the missing dog.

A reward will be given for Rescue's safe return. If you have information about Rescue, or you mistakenly picked up Rescue and want to return him to his rightful owner, call 287-2723 or 285-PAWS. ***(PR)***

Veterans Week proclamation signing

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will be signing the Veterans Week Proclamation at the Governor's Conference Room on Nov. 9, 2009, at 11am.

On Nov. 11 itself, the Commonwealth will be celebrating Veterans Day at the American Memorial Park, Court of Honor at 11am. The keynote speaker will be Col. Dan Settergen, commander of the 36th Contingency Response Group, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The 36th Wing, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam will also have a B-52 fly-by. ***(PR)***

OES PTSA meeting

The PTSA officers of Oleai Elementary School would like to inform parents and guardians that there will be a PTSA meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, 6:15pm, in the school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to attend. ***(PR)***

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Representative Stanley Tudela McGinnis Torres

I am running again to represent the citizens of Precinct 3 to complete a platform of reforms and new legislation that you citizens have told me is necessary for our people to prosper in today's ever changing economic and political climate.

First: The Covenant is the document that defines us and our relationship with the United States. This document, like all treaties and agreements is open to interpretation. Many of our citizens now feel that the document we call The Covenant is being interpreted by the powerful US side of the partnership to the detriment and hurt of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Immigration, labor, tourism sources, funding with onerous strings attached and many other areas of contention indicate that the Covenant is often being used to further the interests of the US over the interests of the CNMI. The original intent was a partnership with CNMI self rule as the keynote. We seem to have strayed from that lofty goal. There are several ways to go about correcting these wrongs including 902 talks between the parties to change the current interpretation, a rewriting of some sections that need updating, changing the document altogether and moving forward to a closer relationship with the US and a stronger self government, continuing on as now, or some combination of these. An example of closer cooperation would be the need for the CNMI to oversee its own 200 mile exclusive EEZ zone.

The best method is to take the time to have our best, brightest and most experienced people investigate our political and economic status options and get input from our citizens. Then and only then, formulate from that study, specific recommendations that will be put to a public vote. I propose a Second Political Status Commission be formed to accomplish this supremely important research and recommendations task. It is not my intension to 'take sides' in this issue but to create the Commission, step back and let them do the research, tell us their findings, and let us voters decide what political status is best for us now. A lot has changed in 35 years. Let's take a second look. This process will take some time but we need to start now.

Something that can be done in the short term is to negotiate terms of use for lands that the US is hinting they want to lease more of. Over the last couple of years, we have been visited repeatedly by US Generals and US Admirals and other Washington delegations who have come here to the CNMI to meet with us. So far there have been no specific offers or specific requests. Obviously, they are interested in our lands from a military stand point and they have guaranteed to defend the Commonwealth. They have shown that keen interest via their frequent visits. They have remarked that the CNMI is increasingly important to the Homeland Defense of the United States. What is their real goal? I say let's negotiate a reasonable deal to make that US/CMNI mutual defense partnership really work. They want Pagan? Tinian? Sarigan? Fine, please state your intended goal and let's talk about the best benefits for both the citizens of the CNMI and the US. Hopefully we can do better than the $1 per acre they paid to have control of 2/3s of Tinian, all of FDM and the Port of Saipan 35 years ago. Ever since the 'repositioning' of troops out of Okinawa became a topic of discussion, indirect overtures have been made. It's time to lay some cards on the table and talk openly and transparently about what they want, whether we want to give it to them and if so, what benefits are offered for the privilege of using our Home Islands. Remember the Puerto Ricans kicked the military out of their target points, but we can do better than Puerto Rico. With the right offer and with the permission of our people we can give the military more territory for increased training use to improve our nation's security.

Second: Sustainable Development is key to our future. Our islands are small and the land is precious and our ability to manage that land and that development in a way that benefits the citizens of the Commonwealth is a very high priority. Sometimes we shoot ourselves in the foot while trying to balance these issues. One terrible example is the continued ultra-protection of the Nightingale Reed Warbler bird when it seems to have established a large population and is now found all over our Island. The reed warbler is the poster child of 'environmental' rules run amok. Reasonable use and development access to much of our island is hampered by this incorrect classification of the now common bird as an 'endangered species'. I have called upon the US Fish & Wildlife, and our local F&W and DEQ to work hand in hand to help relieve the serious problem this misguided designation is causing. I have called them to action and have demanded a new scientifically accurate census count be performed and I intend to hold their feet to the fire until they do so. Large tracts of our available land are currently held hostage to this bird-brained species. We need a recount and we need it now.

A prime example is the Talafofo Road project. There are folks along that road that have been waiting for 30 years for the road and bridges to be rebuilt so they can have access to and to be able to use their precious lands. Now we supposed to believe that the flora and fauna of the region, to include the anything but rare reed warbler, is more important than the people. The project has stalled. That is an example of regulation gone mad. Do the birds own the island or do the people own the island? Which do you prefer? We need a recount and we need it now.

Third, Our costs for energy have skyrocketed. As other areas have come down, we have not come down with them. We have a system for selling gasoline in our Commonwealth that allows illegal Gasoline price fixing to occur unchecked. This is a clear violation of the antitrust laws. This practice harms our people. I have contacted local and federal authorities and asked for a complete investigation, full disclosure and full open competition between retailers and wholesalers of gasoline and other energy source products. I promise to keep a vigilant eye on these practices and continue to demand action from those who should be regulating this trade. It is time to stop the price fixing.

Fourth, Zoning is not working out as planned. I have proposed a 6 month delay in implementation while the code is redrafted and a workable and reasonable system is put into its place. This is not the end of the civilized world, this is just reasonable planning.

The last zoning administrator up and left town after contriving a bogged down and unworkable system. If this new coordinator does not get it right, why he too will be on a plane back to the US mainland while we remain here stuck with a crazy plan that hampers instead of helps. We do not need a system cut and pasted from zoning laws for a huge urban city and try to make it work here in the essentially rural and small tourist town atmosphere of Saipan. What we need is a system that works with our landowners and developers, not one that hampers their every move and creates ivory tower unworkable plans. The laws and regulations need to be amended and that is why we need to suspend them for a while.

If the staff at zoning can't come up with a solution in 6 months, I will continue to offer legislation to delay implementation until they do get it right. This is too important a project to let it go wrong. Scare tactics of 'junk yards in the middle of town' are ridiculous. Other agencies like CRM, DEQ and DPL are in place to perform appropriate permitting for suspect land use. The zoning department is not the be all and end all of existence here. They can be of help if they will become more user friendly instead of dictating unreasonable demands.

Impossible waiting lists, inflexible rules and plans that disrupt businesses and try to relocate them to impossible locations is what we have right now. This must change so that the people of the Commonwealth benefit from reasonable zoning regulation and enforcement. Zoning needs to be user friendly directed by common sense and meet the needs of the people. It does none of these now. Once suspended, we will wait patiently while they fix a badly broken system rather than let it do more harm. If this is not supported by my fellow Legislators I will take this important question to court for resolution of this important Constitutional issue.

Fifth: While working hard to see that each of the 4 items above are completed to help all the citizens of the Commonwealth, I keep in mind at all times that I am hired by the citizens of Precinct 3 of Saipan to represent them and their interests and I will work diligently as I have in the past to make sure our Precinct's needs are met. That

means our Precinct 3 homes and work places are free from crime, our Precinct 3 kids have access to quality education, our Precinct 3 businesses can grow and prosper in a climate of fair and evenly applied regulations, and we work to protect our Precinct 3 resources for the future.

With the help and support of you Precinct 3 citizens all these things can happen in the next two years. I humbly ask you for your support and for your vote this Saturday, November 7th. Si Yuus Maase, Oloomway, Sulang, Salamat Po and Thank You. I am committed to stay on the case and work for you in the 17th Legislature with your help and support. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

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Three NMC graduates pass NCLEX on first try

Three recent graduates of the Northern Marianas College recently took and passed the extremely challenging National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

Leo Antonio Ben Valeros, Mary Rose Alvarez, and Ji Hyun (Jin) Kim, all of whom graduated from NMC just a few months ago, took the exam in October and passed on their first attempt.

"The entire nursing department is extremely proud of these students as taking the exam and passing on the first try is quite a feat in itself," said Nursing instructor Pasquana Calvo. "Their accomplishment is a testament to their determination to succeed in the medical field."

The NCLEX tests an individual's nursing knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. The exam is used by nursing boards in all 50 United States and all U.S. territories to award nurse licenses. Licensed nurses may have their credentials endorsed by a state or territory's board upon meeting that board's requirements without having to retake the exam.

NMC

Newly-licensed nurses, from left, Mary Rose Alvarez, Leo Valeros, and Ji Hyun (Jin) Kim.

The three graduates were active members in the College's Nursing Club and donated much of their time and effort into promoting and assisting in the club's many community health awareness events. After graduation, they jumped straight into studying and reviewing for the NCLEX.

"The college uses the NCLEX as one of its key performance indicators to help us gauge teaching effectiveness and student achievement," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "For the past several years, nursing graduates from the Northern Marianas College have consistently surpassed the national average in passage rates."

"We are extremely proud of Leo, Mary, and Jin," said Fernandez. "Their hard work and preparation for the test have paid off and now they are ready to move into successful careers in a field they are passionate about."

The newly-licensed nurses are presently seeking employment at various clinics and hospitals on the island. They also plan on furthering their education and developing their skills as nurses. ***(NMC)***

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Senate President Reyes advocates and practices an open door policy. In fact, his individual office within the Office of the Senate President, is truly an "Office of the People" because it is the only member's office at the Legislature that does not even have a door.

Under his leadership, the Senate makes its official records accessible to the public with or without Senate floor actions. And he is always very responsive to inquiries by the media and members of the public.

Among his many achievements, Senator Reyes succeeded in making the Legislative Bureau applicable to the Open Government Act. While he continues to push for full access to the entire CNMI Legislature, Senator Reyes, as he always has, provides a detailed accounting of his office's expenditure of public funds. And, all records in his office are always available for review. Why Not keep him in the Senate!

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Deadline nears for Farm Bill applications

Applications are still being accepted from CNMI farmers and ranchers for three different Farm Bill programs that are administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The three programs include Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program, and Agriculture Management Assistance. Interested farmers and ranchers have until Dec. 11, 2009, to submit their applications to be considered for this ranking period.

"We're focusing our conservation efforts on treating identified priority natural resource concerns on lands being used to produce agricultural products," said Lawrence Yamamoto, Director of the Pacific Islands Area for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Financial assistance is available through EQIP to agricultural producers who are willing to implement conservation measures that treat the targeted natural resource concerns on their land (including forestry, organic farming, and energy conservation). WHIP provides technical and financial assistance to improve fish and wildlife habitat. Previously, AMA was available in 15 states and Hawaii was just added as a qualifying state. This program addresses water management, erosion control, and integrated pest management.

Projects that install conservation measures on agricultural lands to address the following proposed identified priority natural resource concerns are being considered: animal waste, sedimentation, noxious weeds, insufficient water supply for livestock or irrigation, pesticide or nutrient contamination of ground or surface waters, at-risk species habitat, and invasive species. For a full description of the program eligibility, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs.

Applications are accepted year-round for these three programs; however, this ranking cycle ends on Dec. 11, 2009. Previous applications that were not selected/funded in the last ranking cycle will be included for the Dec. 11 deadline.

NRCS will provide technical assistance to help agricultural producers design, plan, and implement their conservation measures. Interested farmers and ranchers are asked to call their local NRCS Field Office for more information. To find the office nearest you, visit www.pia.nrcs.usda.gov. ***(USDA)***

I am asking my friends, family, and business associates to vote for the Hofchneider-Palacios team, and all the other Republican Party candidates in this race. As a member of the business community, I share the view of others who are concerned about the poor state of our economy. I am fully convinced that Heinz and Arnold are the leaders best suited for the challenges ahead.

We need straightforward leaders, who have compassion for those most in need and the strength to make the tough decisions that lie ahead. It is easy to make promises to hire more people and give out more projects, but ask yourself, where will all this money come from and how will the government pay for it, and more importantly, are these responsible promises?

I would be remiss if I did not include a word of thanks to Representative David M. Apatang for his support during this campaign and throughout his years of service in the CNMI Legislature. Good luck to you in your retirement!

It is time to elect leaders who say what they mean and mean what they say.

My family joins me in thanking all of you for your time, and mostly, for your support for Heinz Sablan Hofschneider and Arnold Indalecio Palacios, and all the Republican Party candidates in the general election scheduled for this Saturday, November 7, 2009.

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your continuing friendship and support,

Juan Sablan Tenorio
(Santiago)

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Ex-Gitmo detainees begin new lives in Palau

By JONATHAN KAMINSKY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KOROR, Palau (AP)—They've shaved off the long beards they wore at Guantanamo Bay, and they were angered at a local newspaper report that casually referred to them as terrorists.

The six Chinese Muslim men were also relieved and thankful to be out of the U.S. prison and beginning new lives in Palau on Tuesday as they gave their first tentative media interview to The Associated Press.

"We are extremely grateful to the president of Palau and the people of Palau who have graciously accepted us and given us this home," said Abdul Ghappar Abdul Rahman, who along with the other members of China's Uighur minority group spent some eight years in U.S. custody before being released without charge this week.

"The U.S. government told us this would be a temporary home," Abdul Rahman told the AP as they spent their first day out and about. "We will study English here, look for a job and establish our new lives in this beautiful country," he said, speaking through a U.S. government-appointed interpreter.

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Jackson Henry, Palau's ambassador to Taiwan, second from left, and Masaichi Etiterngel, a Palauan traditional chief, third left, presents four recently freed Guantanamo Bay detainee Uighurs with a bouquet of roses as a welcome gift to Palau in the capital, Koror, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009.

The resettlement came after long negotiations, both with Palau to achieve the offer to house the Uighurs (pronounced WEE'-gurs), and with the men themselves, who their lawyers said knew little about the Pacific island nation and were concerned they would be isolated from their people.

The six were among 22 Chinese Muslims picked up by American forces in Afghanistan and Pakistan in 2001 on suspicion of terrorism. They were taken eventually to Guantanamo, where they were held as enemy combatants until a federal court ruled last year that they should be freed.

They spent months in legal limbo as U.S. officials tried to find somewhere to send them, and help meet U.S. President Barack Obama's plan to close Guantanamo. Congress moved to block any Guantanamo detainee from entering the United States. Beijing calls the Uighur men terrorists and has demanded they be returned to China, where activists say they would face persecution and possibly death.

Palau, a clutch of islands east of the Philippines that is home to some 20,000 people and still relies on funds from Washington, offered to take all but one of the Uighurs. Both sides denied the offer was linked to U.S. aid. The one exception was a man Palau said it had mental health concerns about. Six have so far declined Palau's offer.

But the Uighurs remain stateless in important ways. President Johnson Toribiong also says the Uighurs' resettlement is temporary, though it could last years, and they are free to leave when they want.

Where they could go is uncertain. Palauan citizenship is strictly hereditary, and the Uighurs will not be eligible for Palauan passports.

Toribiong is taking a personal interest in the resettlement. He turned out to welcome them when they arrived before dawn Sunday. On Wednesday, he plans to treat them to a boat trip and picnic in Palau's Rock Islands, the country's main tourist destination and one of the world's top diving spots.

Tuesday's orientation events were more mundane.

The men made their first visit to Koror's only mosque, where they met some of the Bangladeshi migrant workers who make up most of Palau's 500-strong Muslim community. Two of the Uighurs joined in prayers.

"I think they are good, and we are happy," said one of the locals, Anowar Hussain. "They are our brothers."

Earlier, the Uighurs spent time at an Internet cafe, setting up e-mail accounts and contacting relatives in Australia and four fellow former detainees now living in Bermuda.

Nearby, their government-supplied home has spotless hardwood floors, a fresh coat of paint, new furniture and appliances, and a sweeping view of the ocean. Washington is paying for the Uighurs' housing, job training, food and other costs in Palau.

To the men's visible relief, a large air conditioner was delivered Tuesday afternoon to help them cope with the tropical heat. High speed internet — a rarity in Palau — and cable television are scheduled to be installed on Wednesday.

One of their first visitors was Jackson Henry, Palau's nonresident ambassador to Taiwan, who presented them with a lavish bouquet of red roses. Beijing aggressively opposes the idea of independence for Xinjiang, the far western province that is the Uighurs' homeland. China is equally opposed to Taiwan's claims to independence.

"If there is anything we can do for you, do not hesitate to ask," Henry told the men.

Not all has gone smoothly. In its first article about the Uighurs' arrival, the Tia Belau newspaper on Monday referred to "bearded Moslem terrorists" in a report that compared the Uighurs' arrival on an undisclosed flight on Saturday night to a fictionalized spy story. The reported sparked outrage and fear in the men, who thought it could influence Palauans against them, said their interpreter, Ala Mamtimin.

"It is a very bad sign," Mamtimin said. "I hope people are not misled by this bad and wrong idea."

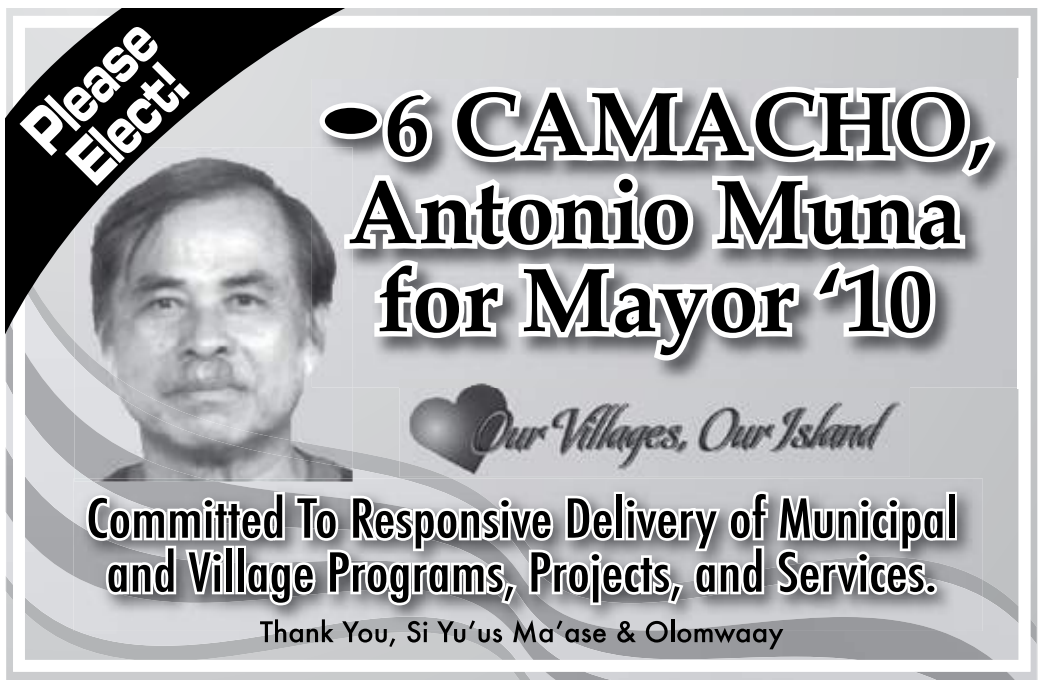
Toribiong says Palauans welcome the newcomers, and there has been no sign of widespread opposition.

The Uighurs were wary of the handful of reporters gathered outside their home, refusing most interview requests, and they asked that photos not be taken.

In his brief AP interview, Abdul Rahman frowned when asked why he and most of the others had shaved their beards, saying only, "It's a personal matter."

Long beards are seen by some Muslims as a sign of devotion to their faith. In tropical Palau, a beard can feel hot and most men go clean shaven.

Gitanjali Gutierrez, a lawyer representing three of the Uighurs, said shaving was part of their efforts to fit into their new home. "They're very intent on integrating into the local culture," she said.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Business

Continental restructures Asia-Pacific sales, marketing

GUAM—Continental Airlines announced on Nov. 4 that effective immediately it has restructured and reinforced its sales and marketing division for the Asia-Pacific region, which includes Japan, in conjunction with Continental's new membership into Star Alliance.

The organizational restructuring efforts include the appointment of Matt Miller as Managing Director, Asia-Pacific, who previously served at the airline's Houston headquarters as managing director, International Pricing & Revenue Management. Based in Tokyo, Miller is now responsible for overseeing Continental's sales, marketing, pricing and revenue management throughout the Asia-Pacific region, including Guam, Honolulu, Japan, mainland China and Hong Kong.

Toru Takahashi, currently director, Japan Sales & Marketing, was appointed senior director, Japan Sales & Marketing. Takahashi's responsibilities, which include overseeing the sales operations in the Tokyo and Osaka areas, charter flights and marketing, were expanded to include Japan-wide sales, encompassing the seven cities currently served by Continental outside of the Tokyo area (Sapporo, Sendai, Niigata, Nagoya, Okayama, Hiroshima and Fukuoka).

In addition, Mitsunori Takahashi, currently senior manager, Japan, responsible for the sales department covering the seven cities (outside Tokyo), will remain in charge of the region, and report directly to the senior director, Japan Sales & Marketing, Toru Takahashi.

Miller

Takahashi

In addition to Toru Takahashi, Walter Dias, managing director for Greater China and Southeast Asia, and David Kendell, director—sales and marketing for Guam and Micronesia, will report directly to Matt Miller. Additionally four management representatives of Pricing & Revenue Management divisions in Japan, Guam, and Houston will also report directly to Miller.

"Our Asia-Pacific regional sales and marketing teams have all pulled together to deliver positive results for Continental, despite the current global economic downturn," said Dave Hilfman, Continental Airlines' senior vice president of Worldwide Sales.

"Now that Continental Airlines has joined Star Alliance and such outstanding partner airlines like ANA, Air China, Singapore and United, we find ourselves in a significantly enhanced competitive position to attract new and increased business. We also consider ourselves very fortunate to have a superb team of sales & marketing professionals throughout the Asia-Pacific region led by some truly talented leaders like Matt, Toru, Mitsunori, David and Wally, all who have many years of experience in the airline industry. I have every confidence that the latest organizational changes will position Continental for continued success as we work closely with our corporate clients and travel agency partners to meet their needs and grow our business." ***(PR)***

APAFS seminar attracts more than 75 FSM students, faculty

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Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies hosted an educational seminar attended by students from College of Micronesia-FSM, Yap State Campus, and Yap High School last Oct. 28 at the COM.

More than 75 students from College of Micronesia-FSM, Yap State Campus, and Yap High School attended an educational seminar at COM on Oct. 28 sponsored by the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies.

The seminar, aimed at communicating how fiduciaries take a critical role in handling a vast majority of the world's investment wealth, was "a huge success," according to organizers.

"We've held several of these events over the past five years, and we're always thankful for the great turnout we receive," said Daniel Roland, APAFS executive director. "The participation really speaks to this community's desire to learn more about the global financial industry. Even with a small economy, the people of Yap recognize the importance of fiduciaries and their impact on the world's financial health.

The Yap student seminar, sponsored by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, focused on the basics of investing and how to pursue a career in the field. Presentations from experts across Micronesia addressed the roles and responsibilities of investment fiduciaries, the basics of investing, careers in finance and how to read a basic stock table.

"The material our students and faculty learned at this seminar is invaluable," said Spensin James, president of COM-FSM. "Nothing you read in a book or online can substitute from real life experience. These experts really gave us real-life examples of how important fiduciaries really are in this global climate."

The seminar featured presentations from experts across Micronesia including Jason B. Miyashita, an Accredited Investment Fiduciary and second vice president of wealth management from Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC in Guam. Mr. Miyashita also served as the seminar's instructor.

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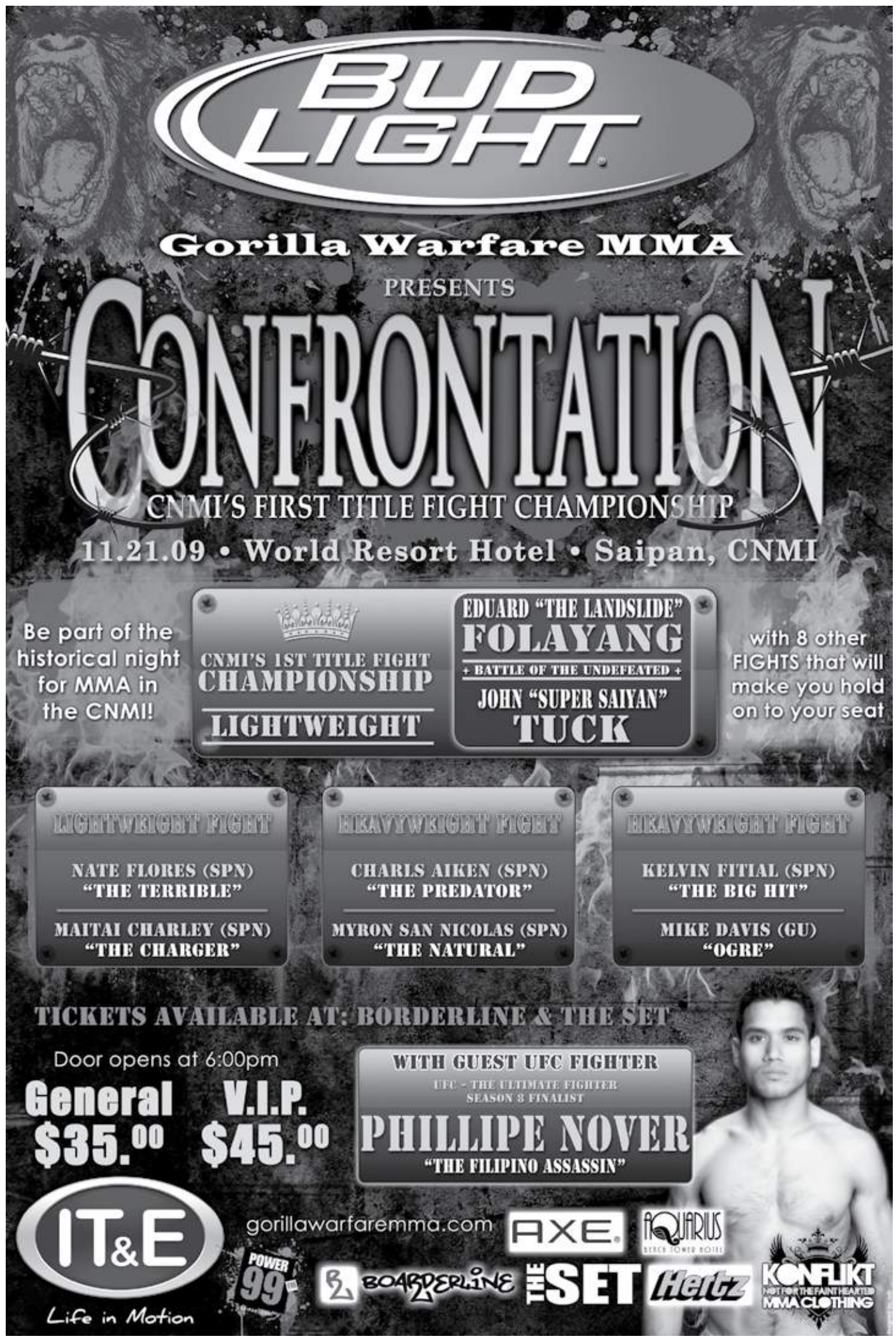
"We're just so thankful that Mr. Roland and Mr. Miyashita and all the other panelists agreed to come to Yap," said Lourdes Roboman, director of COM-FSM, Yap State Campus. "We truly appreciate the opportunity to learn from their experiences. I know our students gained some valuable knowledge, hopefully knowledge that will help some of them later in their professional careers."

APAFS has held several educational seminars throughout Micronesia—including one major annual conference—for nearly a decade. The organization has provided educational programs for members in Palau, Guam, CNMI, FSM and the Marshall Islands. ***(APAFS)***



Nation

Reid indicates timetable for health care may slip

AP

President Barack Obama stands with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev. in the Rotunda on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, during a ceremony where former Massachusetts Sen. Edward Brooke received the Congressional Gold Medal.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Democratic leader indicated Tuesday that lawmakers may not complete health care legislation this year, missing President Barack Obama's deadline on his signature issue and pushing debate into a congressional election year.

With just eight weeks left, the Senate is running out of time to finish a comprehensive bill to extend coverage to millions of Americans and control rising medical costs. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., emerged from a closed-door meeting of rank-and-file Democrats signaling that delay was likely.

Asked if he could pass health care this year, Reid said: "We're not going to be bound by any timelines. We need to do the best job we can for the American people. We want quality legislation, and we're going to do that."

Reid said he was awaiting a final analysis of the legislation from the Congressional Budget office, a time-consuming process that makes it unlikely the Senate would begin debate before Veterans' Day, Nov. 11. With scores of amendments, Senate debate could take weeks.

"We're going to do this legislation as expeditiously as we can, but we're going to do it as fairly as we can, also," Reid told reporters.

Pushing the work into early next year could prove politically dicey as all of the House and a third of the Senate face elections in November. Lawmakers may be reluctant to cast votes that could be their undoing at the polls.

Obama has pressed Congress for a bill by year's end. Across the Capitol, the House is expected to vote on its version of legislation later this week. Lawmakers from both chambers then would have to meld the two bills and cast final votes in the House and Senate before the legislation could be sent to the president.

In the House, Republicans produced a draft health care bill that focuses on bringing down costs rather than extending coverage to nearly all Americans.

A 230-page draft was obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press. A spokeswoman for Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said changes were still being made before the bill would be finalized in time to offer as an alternative when Democrats begin floor debate on their bill, possibly at the end of this week.

GOP sweep: Big governor victories in Virginia, NJ

WASHINGTON (AP)—Independents who swept Barack Obama to a historic 2008 victory broke big for Republicans on Tuesday as the GOP wrested political control from Democrats in Virginia and New Jersey, a troubling sign for the president and his party heading into an important midterm election year.

Conservative Republican Bob McDonnell's victory in the Virginia governor's race over Democrat R. Creigh Deeds and moderate Republican Chris Christie's ouster of unpopular New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine was a double-barreled triumph for a party looking to rebuild after being booted from power in national elections in 2006 and 2008.

Elsewhere on Tuesday, Maine voted on whether to affirm a state law that would allow same-sex couples to wed. If supporters prevail, it would mark the first time that the electorate in any state endorsed gay marriage.

And Democrat Bill Owens captured a GOP-held vacant 23rd Congressional District seat in New York in a race that highlighted fissures in the Republican Party and illustrated hurdles the GOP could face in capitalizing on any voter discontent with Obama and Democrats next fall.

California Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, also a Democrat, won a special election to a vacant congressional seat, Ohio voters approved casinos and a slew of cities selected mayors, including New York, which gave Michael Bloomberg a third term.

ACROSS THE NATION

Body count at rapist's Cleveland home rises to 10

CLEVELAND (AP)—The number of bodies found in and near a rapist's home rose to at least 10 on Tuesday when authorities unearthed four corpses from the backyard and found a skull in a bucket in the basement. Cleveland police stopped searching for victims for the night and planned to continue on Wednesday. They have extended their efforts to boarded-up homes in the neighborhood where residents complained for years of a stench that one even said "smelled like a dead body." Some in the community want an investigation into why it took so long to trace the grisly source. Anthony Sowell, 50, a registered sex offender who lives in the home, was charged Tuesday with five counts of aggravated murder, as well as rape, felonious assault and kidnapping. He was to be arraigned Wednesday, police spokesman Lt. Thomas Stacho said.

Maine voters repeal gay-marriage law

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—Maine voters have torpedoed a state law that would have allowed gay couples to marry. With 84 percent of the precincts reporting, gay-marriage foes had 53 percent of the vote Tuesday. The outcome amounts to a heartbreaking defeat for the gay rights movement—particularly since it occurred in New England, the corner of the country most supportive of gay marriage. At issue was a law passed by the Maine Legislature last spring that would have legalized same-sex marriage. The law was put on hold after conservatives launched a petition drive to repeal it in a referendum. Gay marriage has now lost in every single state—31 in all—in which it has been put to a popular vote. Gay-rights activists had hoped to buck that trend in Maine.

Police: 3 ND college students found dead in pond

DICKINSON, N.D. (AP)—The bodies of three missing North Dakota college softball players were found Tuesday inside a Jeep after authorities, aided by signals from the women's last desperate phone calls, spotted the vehicle submerged in a farm pond. Police Lt. Rod Banyai said officers were investigating the cause of the deaths and autopsies were planned. He said he believed the women were on a stargazing trip in the Jeep when they called for help, but he did not know whether it already was under water when the calls were made. "At this time, foul play is not suspected," Banyai said Tuesday night. Investigators were working to determine whether the vehicle had any defects or whether alcohol was involved, he said.

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IKUO YOSHIZAWA and SONIC INTERNATIONAL, INC., Defendants.	**NOTICE OF AUCTION**

Pursuant to that Stipulation and Order (filed September 18, 2009) of the CNMI Superior Court, Plaintiff Marianas Insurance Company, Ltd., through its attorney, hereby gives notice that all of Defendants' right, title and interests in the following chattels will be sold at public auction:

1. **1980 sixty-seven foot fishing vessel manufactured by Hiroshima known as the SONIC QUEEN, and described in CNMI Vessel Certificate Number CM 1649 CF as blue/white in color, with a fiberglass hull, inboard propulsion, and a 330 HP engine, presently located on Saipan, together with all parts, accessories and equipment now on or installed on such vessel; and**

2. **1994 nineteen-foot fishing boat manufactured by MIC Marine known as the STA. LOURDES, described in CNMI Vessel Certificate Number CM 309 CF as white/yellow in color, with fiberglass hull, and outboard propulsion, presently located on Saipan, together with all parts, accessories, and equipment now on or installed on such vessel.**

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Notice of cancellation for Zoning Board Meeting

This is to advise the public that the regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will not be held during the month of November, 2009.

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World

NKorea claims to expand arsenal of atomic bombs

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea claimed Tuesday that it has successfully weaponized more plutonium for atomic bombs, a day after warning Washington to agree quickly to direct talks or face the prospect of a growing North Korean nuclear arsenal.

The announcement underlined Pyongyang's impatience over securing one-on-one talks with Washington, as well as the difficulties in dealing with a regime that resorts to threats and provocations to get what it wants.

Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said North Korea had finished reprocessing 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods, which experts say would provide enough weapons-grade plutonium for at least one more nuclear bomb.

The claim may not mean much, since North Korea is believed to already have enough weaponized plutonium for half a dozen nuclear weapons. But the timing—a day after Pyongyang warned it would beef up its nuclear arsenal if the U.S. refused to agree on bilateral talks—shows the communist regime is flexing its atomic might to push Washington to act, analysts said.

"North Korea is trying to show off its nuclear might as a way to pressure the United States to agree to the talks," said Kim Yong-hyun, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Dongguk University.

U.S. State Deparment spokesman Ian Kelly accused the Pyongyang government of violating its past commitments at international disarmament talks.

"Reprocessing plutonium is contrary to North Korea's own commitments" at those negotiations and violates United Nations resolutions, Kelly told reporters in Washington. He said the Obama administration was focused on trying to restart stalled six-nation nuclear talks.

North Korea has long sought direct nuclear negotiations with the U.S., believing that it is the easiest, fastest and surefire way of ensuring the survival of the totalitarian regime and win economic concessions to rebuild its moribund economy.

On Monday, North Korea's Foreign Ministry warned that "if the U.S. is not ready to sit at a negotiating table with the (North), it will go its own way," an apparent threat to bolster its nuclear arsenal.

Afghan corruption tough to combat

KABUL (AP)—President Hamid Karzai promised to stamp out corruption. The image suggested otherwise. Standing at Karzai's side on Tuesday were his two vice presidents—both former warlords widely believed to have looted Afghanistan for years.

Reform is a tall order in a country awash in drug money. Afghans pay bribes for everything from driver's licenses to police protection, and the elite all too often treat state property as their own.

"Right now 85 percent of the government is corrupt," said Ahmed Shah Lumar, a businessman in the southern city of Kandahar. He said bribery, extortion and other corrupt practices extend "from the very small person" in government to the very top.

International pressure is mounting on Karzai to make clean government a top priority as he begins his second term after an election marred by fraud. President Barack Obama wants concrete steps, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Tuesday.

Gibbs told reporters that the U.S. Embassy in Kabul was working with the Afghans on an anti-corruption compact, but he refused to comment on specific benchmarks or deadlines.

"We're going to look for President Karzai to move boldly and forcefully to initiate internal reforms," State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said. "And we stand ready to assist him in that regard, to help him improve governance in Afghanistan, to provide security for the Afghan people and provide the kind of services that the people of Afghanistan deserve."

In Kabul, Karzai acknowledged to reporters that Afghanistan "has a bad name from corruption." He added, using a local expression, that "we will do our best through all possible means to eliminate this dark stain from our clothes."

Karzai said corruption could not be erased simply by replacing certain officials. Instead, "we need to review the law, where we have problems," he said. One issue regarding the law has been a failure to define bribery and other such practices.

Climate talks face difficult road ahead of meeting

By ARTHUR MAX
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Boycotts on either side of the Atlantic on Tuesday showed just how difficult it will be to clinch an agreement on global warming next month.

At U.N. climate talks in Barcelona, Spain, African nations walked out of meetings to protest rich nations' reluctance to make substantial carbon-cutting commitments. In Washington, some conservative Republicans boycotted the start of committee debate on a bill to curb greenhouse gases, fearful of the cost to the U.S. economy.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, in a bid to support the Democratic-sponsored climate bill, told a rare joint session of Congress "there is no time to lose" in tackling climate change.

But the lukewarm response to her comments on global warming—in contrast to the ovations she received at other times—only underscored the skeptical mood in the United States about climate action, which would require a shift away from fossil fuels to wind and solar power, smaller cars and—the Republicans argue—more expense to consumers.

GOP senators on the Environment and Public Works Committee shunned the planned startup of voting on amendments to the bill. Only Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, showed up and he stayed only for 15 minutes to give the reasons for the Republicans' absence.

African countries ended a boycott of meetings in Spain at U.N. climate negotiations, having reset the talks' agenda to spend more time on complaints that industrial countries had set carbon-cutting targets too low for reducing global greenhouse gas emissions.

The parallel actions were elements of a dramatic finale leading up to the 192-nation conference in Copenhagen on Dec. 7-18, which is meant to adopt a treaty regulating carbon emissions that will shake economies around the globe.

The African revolt was largely symbolic, since it was clear that industrial countries cannot alter their positions without high-level political decisions by governments.

WORLD BRIEFS

Karadzic attends UN war crimes court for 1st time

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—Radovan Karadzic appeared at his U.N. war crimes trial on Tuesday for the first time since it began last week, claiming his "fundamental rights have been violated" by judges who started without him. The former Bosnian Serb leader, accused of masterminding Serb atrocities throughout the 1992-1995 Bosnian war, had boycotted the first three days of the trial. On Tuesday, Karadzic, who is defending himself, again insisted that he needed more time to prepare. "I do not want to boycott these proceedings, but I cannot take part in something that has been bad from the start and where my fundamental rights have been violated," Karadzic said.

Philippine troops kill 5 al-Qaida-linked militants

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Government troops attacked an Abu Sayyaf camp in the rebels' southern stronghold before dawn Tuesday, triggering a five-hour clash in which five of the al-Qaida-linked militants were killed and one government militiaman was wounded, the military said. Maj. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino said one of the dead was identified as Ridwan Musa—an Abu Sayyaf commander linked to a string of kidnappings.

Vietnam storm death toll rises to 57

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—The death toll from Tropical Storm Mirinae rose to 57 in Vietnam on Wednesday as authorities stepped up rescue and relief operations in the affected central regions. In the hardest-hit province of Phu Yen, 24 more deaths were reported as information trickled in from isolated areas, disaster official Dang Thi Lanh said Wednesday. An additional 18 people were reported missing. The storm and flooding left another 18 people dead and seven others missing, according to disaster officials and the government's Web site.

European court: No crucifixes in Italian schools

ROME (AP)—The Vatican on Tuesday denounced a ruling by the European court of human rights that said the display of crucifixes in Italian public schools violates religious and education freedoms. In a decision that could force a review of the use of religious symbols in government-run schools across Europe, the court ordered Italy to pay a euro5,000 ($7,390) fine to a mother in northern Italy who fought for eight years to have crucifixes removed from her children's public school classrooms. The Italian government said it would appeal.

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Rosary is being said nightly at the residence of Melinda Dlg & Tito Alepuyo, in Capitol Hill at 7:30 p.m. Last respects will be paid on November 6, 2009 at Kristo Rai Church. Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 11:00 am, burial services will follow immediately at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

Life & Style

NMI names Kwang Joong Kim honorary tourism envoy

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Kwang Joong "KJ" Kim, third from right, receives a plaque from Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Jerry Tan formalizing Kim's appointment as honorary tourism ambassador for the Northern Mariana Islands. Present for the Nov. 2 presentation at the MVA office were, from left, MVA Community Programs manager Martin Duenas, MVA deputy managing director Judy Torres, Tan, Kim, MVA managing director Perry Tenorio, and Marketing manager Bruce Bateman.

"My heart is still here." That is how strongly Kwang Joong "KJ" Kim feels about the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that has bestowed on him this week the title of honorary tourism ambassador.

After serving as general manager of Asiana Airlines in the Northern Marianas from 2005 to June 2009, Kim has most recently been drawing attention to the islands as the new general manager of the airline's Golf Package Task Force in Seoul. Since his reassignment from the islands in July 2009, Kim has been instrumental in developing "Golf Picnic," a golf package that has already sold to almost 1,400 golfers since it started last month.

Kim's appointment as ambassador was announced by Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Jerry Tan at a formal ceremony Monday, Nov. 2, at the MVA office.

Kim said the qualities that endear the Northern Marianas to him are many of the same characteristics that attract golfers from Korea.

"It's beautiful, it's peaceful, it's safe," he said. "Korean golf courses are very busy, and you can only play foursomes. Sometimes people want to enjoy golf with just their wife or a friend, so Saipan is ideal for them."

With five years experience living and working in Saipan, Kim is also often the go-to guy when his parent company or other publishers are planning a story about the Northern Marianas. Kim shared a number of recent articles in major economic, travel, and other publications that were recently published promoting the islands as a tourist destination for golf and other activities. While one full-page article alone was valued at $80,000, the estimated exposure value of all the recent articles is close to $300,000.

"We have a good relationship, fortunately," Kim said. "I never expected I would be an honorary tourism ambassador, but with this appointment I can work more actively and aggressively to promote the islands."

Asiana Airlines' "Picnic Golf" package targets couples, 50-60 year-olds, and company incentive markets. While Kim acknowledged golf market competition with China and Southeast Asia, he said the beauty and elegance of Saipan attracts a unique market of golfers.

"Although you are no longer residing in the Northern Marianas, we truly believe that your love for our islands and your efforts will continue while you are in Korea," said Tan, in making the appointment.

Asiana Airlines and Laolao Bay Golf Resort in Saipan are both owned by the Kumho Asiana conglomerate in Korea. ***(MVA)***

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Sunday	1:00	4:30	7:15	
Mon thru Tues		4:30	7:15	

Michael Jackson
Musical, Documentary • Rated PG

Synopsis
A rare glimpse into the final days of Michael Jackson, the documentary is compiled from an estimated 80 hours of rehearsal and behind-the-scenes footage of the legendary entertainer preparing for his 50 sold-out shows at London's O2 Arena that were scheduled to commence in July 2009 before his untimely death in June at age 50. Interviews with collaborators and close friends of the late performer are also featured.

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Astro Boy

Friday		4:15	7:30	9:40
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:30	9:40
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:30	
Mon thru Tues		4:15	7:30	

Freddie Highmore, Nicolas Cage
Action, Comedy • Rated PG

Synopsis
Set in futuristic Metro City, the tale of a young robot with incredible powers created by a brilliant scientist named Tenma. Powered bypositive "blue" energy, is endowed with superstrength, x-ray vision, unbelievable speed and the ability to fly. Embarking on a journey in search of acceptance, Astro Boy encounters many other colorful characters along the way. Through his adventures, he learns the joysand emotions of being human, and gains the strength to embrace his destiny.

Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs

Friday		4:10	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:10	7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:10	7:05	
Mon thru Thurs		4:10	7:05	

Anna Faris, James Caan
Animated, Children, Adaptation • Rated PG

Vampire's Assistant

Friday		4:00	7:25	10:00
Saturday	1:20	4:00	7:25	10:00
Sunday	1:20	4:00	7:25	
Mon thru Tues		4:00	7:25	

John C. Reilly, Chris Mssoglia
Adventure, Fantasy, Children • Rated PG 13

Law Abiding Citizen

Friday		4:25	7:00	9:30
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:00	9:30
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:00	
Mon thru Tues		4:25	7:00	

Jamie Foxx, Gerald Butler
Thriller • Rated R

Saw VI

Friday		4:05	7:10	9:50
Saturday	1:10	4:05	7:10	9:50
Sunday	1:10	4:05	7:10	
Mon thru Tues		4:05	7:10	

Costas Mandylor, Betsy Russell
Horror • Rated R

The Stepfather

Friday	4:20		9:55
Saturday	4:20		9:55
Sunday	4:20		
Mon thru Tues	4:20		

Dyland Walsh, Sela Ward
Thriller, Horror • Rated PG 13

Where The Wild Things Are

Friday		7:20	
Saturday	1:30	7:20	
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Katherine Keener, Mark Ruffalo
Fantasy, Children • Rated PG

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As part of Fiesta Resort and Spa's continuing effort to provide community service to the people of the CNMI, the company donated 700 pieces of used but very good quality bed sheets to the CHC Volunteers last Thursday, Oct. 29. The volunteers group plans to distribute the bed sheets to the Commonwealth Health Center and the health centers on Rota and Tinian.

Rihanna: Brown's assault, aftermath 'humiliating'

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Rihanna says dealing with the media attention after being assaulted in February by ex-boyfriend Chris Brown was humiliating. But she now hopes to speak for young women who are afraid to talk openly about domestic violence.

Rihanna

The 21-year-old pop star told Glamour magazine in an interview posted online Tuesday that the police photo of her bruised face that was leaked to reporters added insult to injury.

After the assault, she awoke to find helicopters circling her house and reporters swarming her street. "I felt like I went to sleep as Rihanna and woke up as Britney Spears," she said.

Rihanna said she felt disappointed and taken advantage of, especially when she heard that the two officers under investigation for leaking her photo were women.

"I felt like people were making it into a fun topic on the Internet, and it's my life," she said.

Rihanna said she didn't realize how much her decisions affected people she didn't know, like her many fans. She feels stronger, wiser and more aware now, she added.

"Domestic violence is a big secret," Rihanna said. "The positive thing that has come out of my situation is that people can learn from that. I want to give as much insight as I can to young women, because I feel like I represent a voice that really isn't heard. Now I can help speak for those women."

Brown, 20, pleaded guilty to felony assault in June. He was sentenced to five years' probation, six months of community labor and a year of domestic violence counseling for the attack, in which he was accused of hitting, choking and biting Rihanna in a rented sports car.

TMZ published the photo of Rihanna's bruised face less than two weeks after the beating, and the LAPD immediately launched an internal investigation of the leak.

Rod Stewart realizes dream recording with Smokey

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rod Stewart grew up idolizing soul singers like Sam Cooke, Jackie Wilson and Otis Redding. On his new album, "Soulbook," he gets a chance to pay tribute to his childhood idols in song—and even gets a chance to sing with one of them on the CD. Smokey Robinson is one of the guest stars on "Soulbook," which features Stewart singing some of soul music's most revered tunes. It follows in Stewart's trend of recording classic covers (he had a resurgence with his "Great American Songbook" album series).

In an interview, the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer said he was elated to sing "Tracks of My Tears," which Robinson recorded with the Miracles decades ago on Motown, with the legendary singer and composer.

"I grew up listening to Smokey Robinson to have that guy come into the studio and sing on 'Tracks Of My Tears' (was great)," he said.

Stevie Wonder also joined Stewart to sing one of his signature songs, "My Cherie Amour," another highlight for Stewart. Even calling Wonder on the phone turned out to be a treat for Stewart.

"When you phone Stevie up ... he sings his answer. He goes (sings) 'Hello. I'm not in today but if you like to leave a message ... call me back,' He does this great thing, so I phoned him back and (sang) 'Stevie, thanks for playing on 'My Cherie Amour,'" Stewart said. "And when he had done 'My Cherie Amour,' he left me a message at the end of the track said, 'Rod, I am so thankful I was able to play on your track on my song. May the good lord be with you.' Such a sweetheart."

The CD also features appearances by Mary J. Blige and Jennifer Hudson. "Soulbook" was released in October.

Now that Stewart has taken on soul music, he's willing to take other genres, even the blues.

"I would love to sing all that stuff. I really would. It could go on and on and on," he said. "The one thing I won't be doing is I won't be writing any songs. It has gone past me now, the writing phase. It was always a struggle."

Steve Martin, Alec Baldwin to co-host Oscars

AP

In this combo made from 2009 file photos shows actor Steve Martin, left, and Alec Baldwin. Both Martin and Baldwin will co-host the Oscars.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin will co-host the Oscars.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says the two Hollywood veterans will share hosting duties at the 82nd Academy Awards ceremony.

Telecast producers Bill Mechanic and Adam Shankman said in a statement the two actors are "the perfect pair of hosts for the Oscars."

Martin has hosted twice before, in 2001 and 2003, and has appeared as a presenter several times. Baldwin is a first-timer.

Baldwin, 51, who stars on NBC's "30 Rock," called the Oscar gig "the opportunity of a lifetime." He was nominated for an Academy Award in 2003 for his supporting role in "The Cooler."

Martin said that he is "happy to co-host the Oscars with my enemy Alec Baldwin." The 64-year-old entertainer is currently touring with the bluegrass band Steep Canyon Rangers in support of his album, "The Crow: New Songs for the Five String Banjo."

The 82nd Academy Awards will be presented March 7, 2010, at the Kodak Theatre.

'Dancing' celeb slate slimmed by 2

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Irvin and Mark Dacascos have been booted from the ballroom.

The football player and TV personality were eliminated Tuesday from "Dancing with the Stars." Irvin failed to capture enough viewer votes to keep him in the competition, while Dacascos lost his spot during a last-ditch dance-off.

Former Dallas Cowboys receiver Irwin finished his run on the hit ABC show with his highest score of the season: He earned 23 points out of 30 for his fox-trot with professional partner Anna Demidova on Monday's episode.

Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which contestants are eliminated each week.

"Last night was a great night, and to see the audience here standing up, it's their way of saying they appreciate the hard work," Irwin said after learning his fate.

Dacascos collected a paltry 19 points for his misguided samba on Monday with a substitute partner after his usual pro, Lacey Schwimmer, fell to the flu. She was back for Tuesday's episode, when the couple danced-off against Aaron Carter and Karina Smirnoff.

The "Iron Chef America" host's trick-filled cha-cha earned praise from the judges, but Carter's jive was more impressive.

Dacascos said being on the show was "one of the greatest experiences of my life."

"It's certainly much harder than it looks on television," he said. "The bond you create with the pro dancers, my dancer, the other celebrities, it's really special."

Tuesday's results show also featured performances by Rod Stewart, country singer Colbie Caillat and Ballas Hough, the rock band created by pro dancers Mark Ballas and Derek Hough. Ballas and his partner, actress Melissa Joan Hart, were eliminated from the competition last week.

Hough is still in the running for the mirrorball trophy with his partner, model Joanna Krupa.

Besides Carter and Krupa, remaining contestants include reality TV star Kelly Osbourne, singer Mya and entertainer Donny Osmond. Each will perform two dances on Monday's episode.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Blige to sing national anthem at World Series

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mary J. Blige is going back to the Bronx. Major League Baseball says the Bronx-born singer will perform the national anthem at Yankee Stadium before Game Six of the World Series on Wednesday. Blige is the latest superstar to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during the championship matchup between the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies. John Legend and Alanis Morissette have also lent their voices to the traditional pre-game performance. Blige, 38, has won six Grammy awards since her 1992 debut, "What's the 411?"

Kirstie Alley to star in A&E reality series

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kirstie Alley is going to star in a new A&E reality "docuseries" about her life as a single mom and her efforts to lose weight. The network has ordered 10 half-hour episodes of the untitled series from "American Idol" producer FremantleMedia North America. The show will follow the actress at home with her teenage children, at work and as she launches a new weight-loss program. The 58-year-old Alley, who starred in the sitcoms "Veronica's Closet" and "Cheers," appeared in the 2005 Showtime comedy series "Fat Actress." She played a version of herself coping with Hollywood's fixation on thinness. She has also been a spokeswoman for the Jenny Craig diet program. The A&E series is to air next year.

Sarah Palin promises more cities on book tour

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin is promising to visit more cities than a conventional book tour when her memoir "Going Rogue" is published later this month. Palin says the locations of her book tour will be announced later this week by her publisher, HarperCollins. But in a Facebook posting Tuesday, the former Alaska governor says she's decided to travel to cities outside of the typical book tour venues. Her book hits stores Nov. 17. Palin will appear on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" the day before the book release. Palin says she's also trying to line up other interviews with hosts such as Bill O'Reilly, Barbara Walters and Rush Limbaugh.

Stars switch on London's Christmas lights

LONDON (AP)—Jim Carrey, Colin Firth and Bob Hoskins switched on London's Christmas lights on Tuesday and attended the world premiere of the 3-D film "A Christmas Carol." The actors came to the British capital to promote Robert Zemeckis' animated movie, which features their voices. The three stars turned on the lights at Oxford Circus and Regent Street—London's main shopping areas—and at St. Paul's Cathedral. After that, tenor Andrea Bocelli and the St. Paul's Cathedral Choir led more than 14,000 people in a Christmas carol event. The new movie was later screened at a cinema on central London's Leicester Square.

Friend in need is repaid with bitter disappointment

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

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DEAR ABBY: I have just learned that my husband of 28 years has end-stage leukemia. I worked in the medical field for years and have been around a lot of sick people, but this is "unreal" for me. I'm in a state of shock, and terrified about what lies ahead.

I have told all our children except our daughter, "Pearl." Pearl is pregnant and has miscarried three times. She knows her father hasn't been well, but she doesn't know the current facts. When her father first became ill, Pearl told me that if I ever withheld any critical information about it from her she would never forgive me. She lives in another state, far from us. I am worried if I tell her about her dad's condition she'll have complications with her pregnancy. But if I don't and her dad worsens, Pearl might not get to see him in time.

Am I wrong to keep this from her? Should I tell her? I don't want to increase her stress and risk of having another problem with her pregnancy.

SUFFERING IN SILENCE

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By Bill Waterson

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I WOULD! I WOULD!
WHY CALVIN, WHAT A SURPRISE TO SEE YOU VOLUNTEER! YOU MUST HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB. GO TO THE FRONT OF THE CLASS.
OH BOY!
NOW LET'S ALL PAY ATTENTION. GO AHEAD, CALVIN.
THANK YOU. BEFORE I BEGIN, I'D LIKE EVERYONE TO NOTICE THAT MY REPORT IS IN A PROFESSIONAL, CLEAR PLASTIC BINDER.
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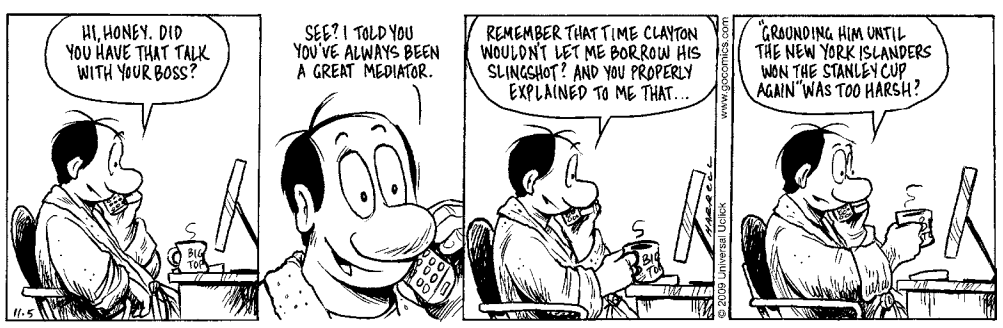
HI, HONEY. DID YOU HAVE THAT TALK WITH YOUR BOSS?
SEE? I TOLD YOU YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT MEDIATOR.
REMEMBER THAT TIME CLAYTON WOULDN'T LET ME BORROW HIS SLINGSHOT? AND YOU PROPERLY EXPLAINED TO ME THAT...
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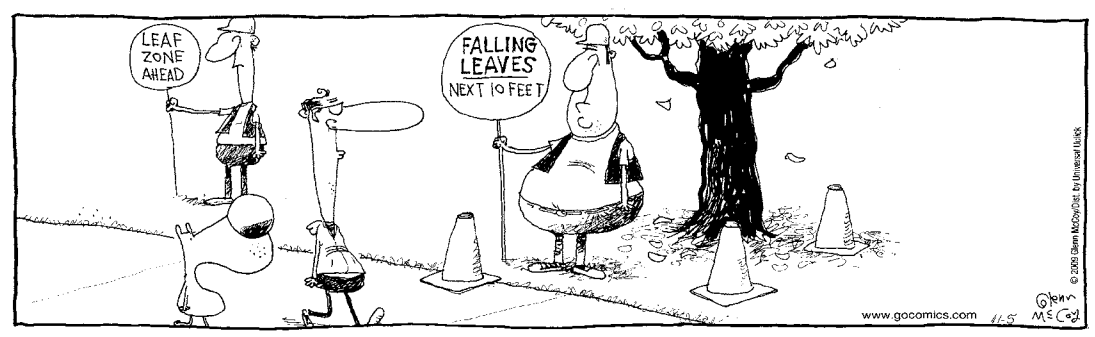
By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Apiece
5 Gasoline ratio (Abbr.)
8 Old card game
12 Parisian pop
13 Debtor's letters
14 Narc's measure
15 Persia, now
16 Up to, for short
17 Couple, to TMZ
18 Cafe royale ingredient
20 Spoofs on stage
22 Blond shade
23 "Howzat again?"
24 Scrooge's cries
27 Puts on a jury (Var.)
32 Inventor Whitney
33 Half of CIV
34 "To be or — ..."
35 Pigs out
38 Catch sight of
39 Young lion
40 Web-site address end
42 Religious retreat
45 Semitic tongue
49 Taylor or Tyler
50 Doctrine
52 Emanation
53 Queue
54 Actress Thompson
55 Peel
56 Succumbs to gravity
57 Lair
58 Low joint?

DOWN
1 Grand tale
2 Aviation-related
3 Rock climber's handhold
4 Reddish-brown dyes
5 "Gone With the Wind" author
6 Luau bowlful
7 Wide gap
8 Slalomer's slope
9 "Top Chef" settings
10 Sheltered
11 — River, N.J.
19 For example
21 "Eureka!"
24 Spelldown
25 Carte lead-in
26 Seeking a ride
28 "O Sole —"
29 Billy Mays, notably
30 Prune
31 Pigpen
36 Quick voltage increases
37 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
38 Set sail
41 "Aloha —"
42 Puncturing tools
43 Actor LaBeouf
44 Not very spicy
46 Destruction
47 Sea flier
48 Test the waters
51 Bishopric

Solution time: 25 mins.

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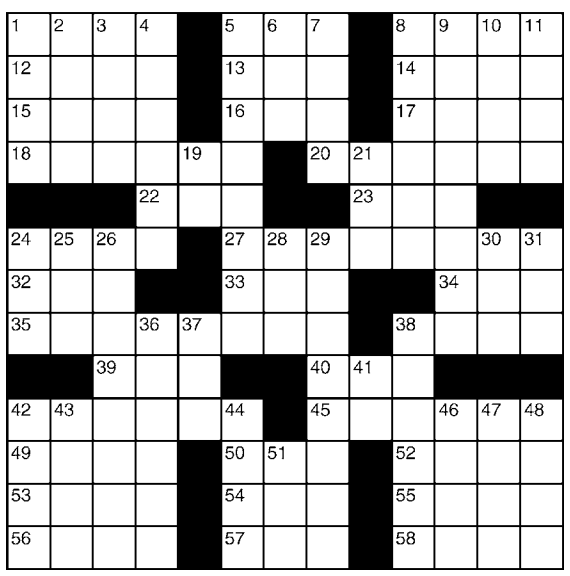

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Teamwork will pay off and give you greater leverage for taking on larger tasks. Love is in the stars and spending more time with someone you care for will enlighten you, averting a problem in the future. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't lose hope. An opportunity you've been waiting for will take a new and exciting direction. You can meet your goals. Negotiate and set your standard high. You'll meet your mark. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Mix work and play and you will make new friends and find common ground with the people you spend most of your time with. Breaking down barriers will help you professionally. A romantic relationship is looking very intense. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Keep things to yourself for now. If you share your thoughts before you have things signed, sealed and delivered you may have trouble completing what you set out to do. Talk your way into the inner circle before making assumptions. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Do all you can for a cause you believe in and you will receive rewards for your efforts. Someone from your past still cares about you so, if the feeling is mutual, make contact and try again. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Use charm, diplomacy and your imagination to get through any meeting that is of a sensitive nature. You can win but only if you are compassionate and understanding when dealing with others. With a little finagling you will be able to please almost everyone. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Use your serious outlook and attitude to help you resolve some of the little problems you have faced with friends, peers and relatives. You will find a way to bring people together. A relationship that is important to you should be nurtured. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Promises will be broken and tempers hot if you don't have your facts and figures straight right from the beginning. It's time to clear up loose ends and move past some of the deadweight you've been carrying so many years. Start fresh. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Partnerships, personal relationships and getting down to the bottom of things will all take place if you show your determination and willingness to meet someone you care about halfway. Don't let your own insecurities stop you. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You can impress everyone if you are detailed, precise and willing to take action. A past

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interest will come to mind and entice you to get involved in a similar interest program or business now. Your intuition will help you avoid past mistakes. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): It's all about strategy and making the right move at the right time. A relationship will open up greater financial opportunities and bring about a change in your lifestyle that will enable you the freedom to follow through with some of your long-term goals. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't let your emotions get the better of you or you will make a mistake that will be difficult to reverse. There will be a cost involved if you allow others to make decisions for you. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are clever and outspoken and can charm your way in and out of any situation you face. You are unpredictable, emotional and sensitive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	9	1	4		2	7	5	
				8				
			3		1			
1		2				8		5
	5						4	
7		4				1		3
			8		4			
				2				
	8	5	7		9	3	6	

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/05

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

9	5	7	6	1	8	4	3	2
3	6	8	4	2	5	1	9	7
1	2	4	7	9	3	5	8	6
5	3	6	2	8	7	9	1	4
8	7	1	9	4	6	2	5	3
2	4	9	3	5	1	7	6	8
6	8	5	1	7	4	3	2	9
7	1	2	8	3	9	6	4	5
4	9	3	5	6	2	8	7	1

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/04

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

BEAUTIFUL BABY BEAGLES **Solution: 7 letters**

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N	I	A	R	T	N	E	M	P	O	L	E	V	E	D
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S	L	W	P	I	N	S	M	Y	T	T	E	R	P	R
E	R	O	U	L	A	O	A	R	L	T	O	S	G	A
E	I	L	R	N	A	B	I	H	A	V	A	N	Y	B
C	G	L	E	G	E	Y	L	N	C	H	I	O	R	L
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R	R	L	I	A	T	(O)	G	L	M	C	M	P	F	B
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E	S	Y	E	(S)	V	C	B	E	U	H	L	T	C	A
P	F	F	E	E	L	E	M	A	N	H	C	L	E	C
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A	O	L	S	S	H	A	P	P	I	N	E	S	S	E

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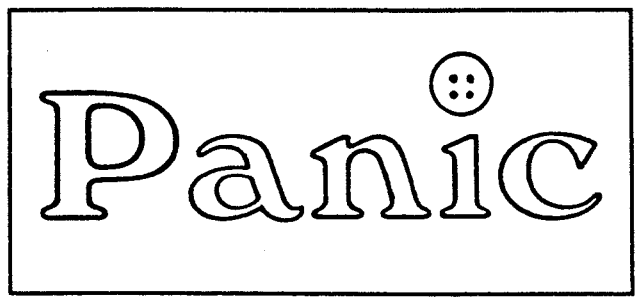

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF HAWAII, Plaintiff, vs. JOAQUIN S. REYES and MAGDALENA B. SALAS, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0014 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 1, 2009, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property:

Lot 011 G 692, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011G14, the original of which was recorded 03 DEC 93 as Document No. 93-4182 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on November 30, 2009, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at Carlsmith Ball LLP, Carlsmith Building, Capitol Hill, Isa Drive, P.O. Box 5241, Saipan, MP 96950-5241. The sale will be opened to general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED: Saipan, MP, November 3, 2009.

/s/ Vincent J. Seman
VINCENT J. SEMAN, F0361
Attorneys for Plaintiff
BANK OF HAWAII

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NOTICE OF AUCTION
Ref: Lot 011 G 71
Kagman, Saipan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following property: Lot 011 G 71, located in the village of Kagman III on Agatelang Ave., on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 770 square meters, more or less, as shown on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 03, which was recorded on December 16, 1993, as Document No. 93-4411, at the Land Registry Office in Saipan, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Property Description. Located on the property is a three bedroom, one bathroom, fully concrete house. Amenities include an installed septic tank, an outside porch, and a one car garage. House condition is slightly deteriorated, and repairs to septic system, flooring, and finish work maybe necessary.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, 1st Floor Morgen Building, San Jose, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Condition of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
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2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres C/O Marianas Public Land Trust, 1st Floor Morgan Building, San Jose, P.O. Box 501089, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-235-4401/4402; Fax: 670-235-4450.
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Vacancy Announcement
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The Board of Directors for the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities (Council) wishes to announce a board vacancy for the island of Saipan

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's mission is to "foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Raising funds and recruiting community partners;
- Providing input from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the NMI Council for the Humanities.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Charles P. Reyes Jr., Chair, Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950** or may be delivered to the NMI Council for the Humanities office, located at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009. For additional information, please contact the Council's Acting Executive Director at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at http://nmihumanities.org.

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Nuggets rout Pacers to remain unbeaten

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and Chauncey Billups added 24 to help the Denver Nuggets beat the Indiana Pacers 111-93 on Tuesday for their best start in 24 years.

Anthony, who was averaging 38 points, shot just 6-for-17 from the field but made 11 of 14 free throws. Nene added 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Nuggets (4-0), who are off to their best start since the 1985-86 season.

Former Denver guard Dahntay Jones led the Pacers with 20 points, and Danny Granger added 18 for Indiana (0-3).

AP

Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, right, puts up a shot against Indiana Pacers forward Danny Granger during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009.

Celtics 105, 76ers 74

At Philadelphia, Paul Pierce scored 21 points and Rasheed Wallace had 20 as Boston remained unbeaten with a victory over Philadelphia.

The Celtics are unbeaten in five games, even without the usual standout performances from Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen.

Allen didn't score his first field goal until the third quarter and had five points. Garnett made just one basket on seven shots and scored three points when he was yanked with the game out of hand.

Andre Iguodala led the Sixers with 17 points. Philadelphia missed 15 of 16 3-point attempts.

Cavaliers 102, Wizards 90

At Cleveland, LeBron James scored 27 points and Shaquille O'Neal added a season-high 21 while wearing out Washington's big men as Cleveland beat Washington for its third straight win.

Mo Williams scored 15 and Daniel Gibson 14 for the Cavs, who made nine 3-pointers in the second half—four in the fourth quarter when James was out. Williams and Gibson were a combined 7-for-9 on 3s.

Caron Butler and Gilbert Arenas scored 22 apiece to lead the Wizards.

Pistons 85, Magic 80

At Auburn Hills, Michigan, Ben Gordon scored 23 points and Rodney Stuckey added 20 as the short-handed Detroit handed Orlando its first loss of the season.

Detroit's Tayshaun Prince saw his streak of 496 straight games played end as he was sidelined with a back injury. Prince last missed a game on April 13, 2003—during his rookie season—against Memphis.

The Pistons also got 20 from third guard Will Bynum, while Vince Carter led Orlando with 15. Dwight Howard had just eight points and five rebounds in 17 minutes before fouling out.

Suns 104, Heat 96

At Miami, Steve Nash scored 30 points and added eight assists as Phoenix used a dominant fourth quarter to beat Miami in a matchup of NBA unbeaten teams.

Amare Stoudemire finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds for Phoenix, which overcame its largest deficit of the season and used a 13-4 run over the middle portion of the fourth to pull away. Jason Richardson scored 10 of his 14 points in the final period for the Suns, who are 4-0 for the first time since the 2004-05 season.

Miami got 23 points from Dwyane Wade and 18 from Quentin Richardson.

Mavericks 96, Jazz 85

At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored a club-record 29 of his 40 points during a frantic fourth-quarter comeback as Dallas beat Utah.

Nowitzki broke the franchise record of 24 points in any quarter set by Mark Aguirre against Denver on March 24, 1984.

Deron Williams scored 22 points and Mehmet Okur added 14 points and 14 rebounds for Utah.

Lakers 101, Thunder 98, OT

At Oklahoma, City, Kobe Bryant scored 31 points and hit the go-ahead jumper in overtime as the Los Angeles Lakers got tested in their first road game of the season, beating Oklahoma City.

Bryant connected on a turnaround jumper from the left side with 2:29 to play to give the defending NBA champions a 99-97 lead and then hit two free throws with 18 seconds remaining to push the lead to three.

Bulls 83, Bucks 81

At Chicago, Luol Deng scored 24 points while grabbing a career-high 20 rebounds as Chicago rallied from 18 down to beat Milwaukee.

Derrick Rose scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter as the Bulls rebounded from back-to-back losses with a wild win.

Brandon Jennings scored 25 points to lead Milwaukee.

Hawks 97, Trail Blazers 91

At Portland, Oregon, Jamal Crawford scored 27 points off the bench as Atlanta outlasted Portland.

Al Horford's dunk with 56.6 seconds left made it 95-89 and all but sealed it for the Hawks. Horford finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

LaMarcus Aldridge, who was questionable going into the game with a knee injury, led the Blazers with 20 points and 14 rebounds.

Cavs' West faces more weapons charges in Maryland

WASHINGTON (AP)—Cleveland Cavaliers guard Delonte West was indicted Tuesday on additional weapons and traffic charges stemming from his Sept. 17 arrest for speeding on a motorcycle and carrying multiple weapons.

The eight-count indictment sheds no new light on why West, 26, was riding a motorcycle on the Capital Beltway in Prince George's County, Md., at 10 p.m. with two loaded handguns and a loaded shotgun. Prosecutors on Wednesday added an 8 1/2-inch Bowie knife to the list of concealed weapons West was carrying.

It's illegal in Maryland to carry concealed weapons and to transport loaded handguns.

West was indicted on two counts of carrying a dangerous weapon, two counts of carrying a handgun, two counts of transporting a handgun, and one count each of reckless driving and negligent driving. The charges are all misdemeanors. Each weapons count carries a penalty of up to three years in prison.

West was initially charged with just two counts of carrying a handgun and with driving in excess of reasonable and prudent speed.

Court records don't list a lawyer for West. His agent, Noah Croom, did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

West has been treated in the past for bipolar disorder, and last week his wife filed a domestic violence report against him in Ohio. No charges have been filed.

West, who could still face a league suspension over the charges in Maryland, made his season debut during Saturday night's 90-79 win against Charlotte, scoring 13 points in 24 minutes. He was expected to play in Tuesday night's game against Washington.

Cavaliers general manager Danny Ferry, who along with team doctors has been handling West's delicate state on a daily basis, issued a statement following the release of the new charges against West.

"It is our understanding that today's developments are part of the legal process that continues to take place with Delonte and he and his legal counsel will handle that," Ferry said. "We will continue to take this matter very seriously and monitor and respect the legal process as it proceeds, but not speculate or comment about it."

Cavs coach Mike Brown didn't want to speculate on the possibility of West doing jail time.

"I believe in the process, I'm going to let it unfold and go from there," Brown said.

After the arrest, West reported to training camp on time but missed the team's first four practices without an excuse. He returned, but then left the team for a week to deal with personal matters. He missed all eight preseason games and Cleveland's first three regular-season games.

West, who lives in Brandywine, Md., was riding a three-wheel motorcycle when he cut off a police officer on the beltway in Upper Marlboro, authorities said. The officer pulled him over, and the weapons were discovered.

Prince George's County State's Attorney Glenn Ivey said West will likely be arraigned by the end of the week, and the case could go to trial early next year.

LA Clippers owner agrees to pay $2.73 million

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles Clippers owner and real estate mogul Donald Sterling has agreed to pay a record $2.73 million to settle allegations by the government that he refused to rent apartments to Hispanics, blacks and to families with children, the Justice Department announced Tuesday.

The Justice Department sued Sterling in August 2006 for allegations of housing discrimination in the Koreatown area of Los Angeles. Other defendants were Sterling's wife, Rochelle, and the Sterling Family Trust.

The defendants allegedly made statements to employees indicating that African-Americans and Hispanics were not desirable tenants.

Court filings indicated that Sterling rented to fewer blacks and Hispanics in Koreatown than would be expected based on demographics, according to the Justice Department.

In settling the lawsuit, however, the defendants denied any liability.

Robert Platt, an attorney for Sterling and the trust, issued a statement saying his clients denied any acts of discrimination.

"The fair housing attorneys could not identify a single individual who was wrongfully denied the right to rent an apartment," he said. The trust has a zero-tolerance policy regarding housing discrimination, he said.

However, insurers for the trust decided it was cheaper to settle the case than to keep fighting, Platt said. Those insurers will cover the settlement.

Sterling manages 119 apartment buildings with more than 5,000 apartment units in Los Angeles County.

"Housing is a basic human need, and yet decades after passage of the Fair Housing Act, far too many still encounter barriers like discrimination," said Thomas Perez, assistant attorney general for the civil rights division.

"The magnitude of this settlement should send a message to all landlords that we will vigorously pursue violations of the Fair Housing Act," he said.

The settlement, which will be considered by a Los Angeles federal judge, also covers two related lawsuits by former tenants at one of the Sterling properties. In those cases, a black family and an interracial family with children contended that private yards that had been part of their apartment were demolished because of their race, the Justice Department said.

Under the settlement, Sterling and the other defendants would pay a $100,000 civil penalty to the government and would pay $2.63 million into a fund to pay monetary damages to tenants who were harmed.

The Justice Department's previous record settlement for discrimination in the area of rental housing was $2.2 million in a 1996 case.

Four years ago, Sterling agreed to pay an undisclosed sum and nearly $5 million in attorney fees to settle an unrelated 2003 lawsuit that claimed he tried to drive non-Korean tenants out of apartments he bought in Koreatown. The lawsuit was brought by the nonprofit Housing Rights Center and 18 other plaintiffs.

That ruling came two weeks after a jury found in Sterling's favor in a lawsuit filed by a former property manager, Sumner Davenport, who claimed he sexually harassed her. Davenport also alleged that Sterling's companies had racially prejudiced employment and housing practices.

Sterling, the Clippers and the NBA are being sued by former Clippers general manager Elgin Baylor, who claims he was forced out of his job a year ago by age and racial discrimination. The team said he resigned. Baylor, a 75-year-old Hall of Fame player who is black, was the team's GM for 22 years.

Sterling is best known for presiding over the Clippers, who won just 19 games last season and have had two winning seasons in the last 30 years.

Pettitte, Yanks go for title against old foe Pedro

NEW YORK (AP)—Andy Pettitte leaned forward in his chair and recounted a recent chat he had with Derek Jeter as soon as they realized what was next in this World Series.

Pettitte vs. old foe Pedro Martinez, with the Yankees one win from ecstasy.

Still chasing that elusive 27th championship, New York turns to Pettitte once again in Game 6 on Wednesday night, hoping he can pitch his team past the Philadelphia Phillies on only three days' rest.

"Me and Derek were talking about it in the clubhouse last night. Just, how strange is this?" Pettitte said Tuesday. "I think everybody knew it was going to be a great Series. I think everybody knew it was going to be a tough Series. And it looks like it's living up to that."

After wasting a chance to wrap things up in Game 5 at Philadelphia, the Yankees set their sights on clinching at home. They'd love to christen their $1.5 billion ballpark with a World Series crown in its first season and give a seventh title to 79-year-old owner George Steinbrenner.

They've got two chances to do it. Game 7 would be Thursday night in the Bronx if necessary, with ace CC Sabathia pitching for New York—also on short rest.

"People expect us to be great all the time. We just need to be great tomorrow night," Johnny Damon said.

Coming off an 8-6 victory Monday night that trimmed their Series deficit to 3-2, the defending champion Phillies took the train to New York on Tuesday afternoon, a ride that takes a little more than an hour. They chose not to work out at Yankee Stadium, but their opponents did.

Martinez and Charlie Manuel showed up at the ballpark for news conferences. Manuel was uncertain whether All-Star center fielder Shane Victorino would be able to play in Game 6 after getting hit in the right hand with A.J. Burnett's 95 mph fastball Monday night.

AP

New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte responds to a reporter's question at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, in New York. Pettitte is scheduled to pitch against the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 6 of the Major League Baseball World Series on Wednesday in New York.

If Victorino can't go, Ben Francisco would likely start in center.

Riding Chase Utley's homers, the Phillies are trying to become the first team to rally from a 3-1 World Series deficit since the 1985 Kansas City Royals—and the first NL club to win consecutive championships since the 1975-76 Cincinnati Reds.

To do it, Philadelphia might need Ryan Howard to break out of his untimely slump. The big slugger is batting .158 (3 for 19) with 12 strikeouts, tying the Series record set by Kansas City's Willie Wilson in 1980.

Utley, however, is doing more than his share. His five home runs matched the mark set by Yankees Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson in 1977.

On the other side, second-year New York manager Joe Girardi confirmed that he won't hesitate to use a well-rested Mariano Rivera for multiple innings Wednesday to try and close it out.

"The only thing I focus on is Game 6. I don't focus on legacy, because I'm not worried about my legacy," said Girardi, trying to guide New York to its first title in nine years. "People are always going to have perceptions of you, and some of them are going to be true, and probably most of them are going to be false."

Pettitte and Martinez first squared off on the mound 11 years ago, but they've never done so in the postseason. Both pitchers are 3-3 in six matchups, all games between the Yankees and Red Sox from 1998-2003. The visitor has won each time and Martinez has a 3.86 ERA to Pettitte's 5.88, according to STATS LLC.

In their first meeting, Girardi hit a three-run homer off Martinez, but Boston chased Pettitte during an 11-run third inning and won 13-7.

With so much on the line this time, it's a delicious matchup of gritty pros in their late 30s, long past their primes.

"Two old goats out there doing the best they can and having fun with it," Martinez said. "I don't have enough words to describe how excited I am about being here. This is just a great gift to me."

The forecast calls for temperatures in the mid-40s at game time, with no rain.

The 38-year-old Martinez pitched well in a Game 2 loss at Yankee Stadium and now gets the ball on regular rest for the first time since mid-September. He's had several long layoffs since.

The 37-year-old Pettitte, on the other hand, will have only three days between starts for the first time since Sept. 30, 2006, with Houston. According to STATS, the savvy lefthander is 5-7 with a 4.18 ERA in 18 such outings during his career, including the postseason.

This one marks a major change, though. Pettitte has been on extra rest in his past eight starts dating to Sept. 11.

"I would think that he's rested," Girardi said, laughing.

Pettitte has a knack for closing this time of year. He owns 17 postseason wins and five that clinched series—both big league records. Two of those clinchers came in the AL playoffs this year. He is 3-0 with a 3.24 ERA in four starts this postseason, including a shaky Game 3 win at Philadelphia.

No wonder the Yankees have plenty of confidence in him when it comes to big games.

"We are in a good situation," catcher Jorge Posada said.

A familiar one, too.

In the AL championship series, Burnett failed to put away the Los Angeles Angels in Game 5 on the road. Pettitte, however, won the Game 6 clincher at home.

Burnett flopped in Philadelphia on Monday night, and now the task falls again to Pettitte, looking for his fifth World Series ring with the Yankees.

"This is a veteran team. We've got a lot of guys who have been through this before," Sabathia said. "Hopefully, that experience will carry us through."

Martinez, who sat out the first half of the season and joined the Phillies in mid-July, will be trying to push the Series to a Game 7 for the first time since 2002.

"I think he's ready. I think he's kind of peaking at the right time. He didn't have any spring training, went a half a year, didn't pitch, and he had to work himself up," Manuel said. "He's starting to get stretched out. The more he throws, the better he's getting. Yeah, he's capable of throwing a real good game."

Goodell asks Congress for help on anti-doping

WASHINGTON (AP)—Arguing that sports leagues' drug programs could be "gutted" if not protected from individual states' laws, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell asked Congress on Tuesday to intervene with legislation and found at least one powerful ally.

Rep. Henry Waxman, the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said during a hearing Tuesday that recent court decisions essentially blocking doping-related suspensions of two Minnesota Vikings players "could render the NFL and Major League Baseball drug testing programs unenforceable, loophole-ridden, and unacceptably weak and ineffective."

Yet Goodell also heard this, less-supportive, message from another lawmaker: Be careful what you wish for.

"You don't want to have 435 members of Congress writing a law that would have in any way some immediate conduct and effect on your players," Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., told Goodell at the end of the subcommittee session he chaired Tuesday.

Waving his hands as if to ward off the effort, Rush said, "You don't want us to get involved in this. You can't tell what members of Congress will ultimately do once you open up this Pandora's Box."

Rush urged the league and its players union to try to work out a solution.

Goodell wants to change federal law to protect sports leagues' collectively bargained steroid policies from state law challenges; DeMaurice Smith, executive director of the NFL Players Association, prefers to resolve the issue during labor talks.

The House subcommittee also heard from executives from Major League Baseball—supporting the NFL's contention that legislation could help—and the baseball's players union, backing its football counterpart in saying legislation is unnecessary.

Travis Tygart, CEO of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, said his organization supports legislation to protect professional sports leagues' anti-doping programs "against interference from inconsistent state laws."

Waxman, who has held high-profile hearings on steroids in sports, said that if the court rulings are not reversed, "then we need to find out if the collective bargaining process can solve these problems or whether congressional action is needed.

"One thing is clear: We should not allow the drug policies that the NFL, Major League Baseball, and other sports leagues have put in place to be rendered null and void. That is an invitation to steroid abuse in professional sports. And it will inevitably lead to more steroid use on high school football fields and baseball diamonds."

Goodell and Smith also took some swipes at each other Tuesday, six days after appearing before another House committee looking at the NFL's policies regarding concussions—and one day before the two men are to meet in New York for the latest round of labor negotiations.

Tuesday's session was hardly a meaty hearing. At times, no more than three lawmakers were present; Waxman was among those who didn't stick around to question the panel of witnesses.

The NFL has attempted to suspend the two Vikings, Kevin Williams and Pat Williams, for violating its anti-doping policy last season.

Goodell told reporters after the hearing he was reluctant to ask for Congress' help.

"The issue here is that if the state court case allows any athlete from Minnesota to be subject to a different standard, all of professional sports' drug programs will be gutted," he said.

The Vikings players tested positive in 2008 for the diuretic bumetanide, which is banned by the NFL because it can mask the presence of steroids. The players acknowledged taking the over-the-counter weight loss supplement StarCaps, which did not state on the label that it contained bumetanide. Neither player is accused of taking steroids.

Smith, of the NFLPA, told Congress the administrator of the league's steroids policy knew that StarCaps contained bumetanide but did not inform the players.

"This should not be a 'gotcha' game," Smith said.

Goodell said after the hearing: "We do not do product-by-product warnings. There are thousands of products out there."

Williams and Williams—who are not related—sued the NFL in state court, arguing the league's testing violated Minnesota laws. The case was moved to federal court, and the NFL players union filed a similar lawsuit on behalf of the Williamses and New Orleans Saints players also suspended.

In May, a federal judge dismissed the union's lawsuit and several claims in the Williamses' case but sent two claims involving Minnesota workplace laws back to state court. A judge there issued an injunction prohibiting the NFL from suspending the players and has scheduled the trial for March. Those decisions were upheld by a federal appeals court panel.

The court ruling led the NFL to allow New Orleans defensive ends Charles Grant and Will Smith, who had also been issued four-game suspensions, to continue playing. Both players also tested positive for bumetanide.

Goodell told Congress he is disappointed the union "refused to support us on the issue" and said the lawsuit by the Vikings players "expressly violated" the collective bargaining agreement.

Smith said the way to fix the problem is through collective bargaining, but Goodell said that won't work.

"This has gotten beyond the control of the two parties," Goodell said.

Pacquiao holds hopes of the Philippines in fists

BOXING

MANILA, Philippines— For the Philippines, boxer Manny Pacquiao is more than a sports champion. His fans, the media and politicians see him as nothing less than a national hero whose feats can lift the nation.

"The hopes of an entire country are riding on me. That is why I cannot let myself fall," Pacquiao says in one television advertisement.

It is a heavy message for a shampoo commercial but it is one that many Filipinos have taken to heart as they cheer Pacquiao on in his improbable career that has seen him rise from deep poverty to six-time world champion.

AP

NBA basketball player Ron Artest watches fighter Manny Pacquiao during a workout in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009.

much-publicized security reports that rebel attacks and crime went down during Pacquiao's fights as guerrillas and criminals wanted to follow his fate on radio or television.

Both Pacquiao and the nation's faith will again be put to the test on November 14 when he faces hard-hitting World Boxing Organization champ Miguel Cotto in a welterweight title fight in Las Vegas.

Pacquiao has a record of 49 victories with only three defeats. He has won 27 times by knockout to now be widely regarded as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world.

But the Philippines has produced many world-class boxing champs, such as Flash Elorde and Gerry Penalosa, and the adoration bestowed on Pacquiao is unprecedented.

"People just swarm [Pacquiao] to get a touch or a look. His countrymen love him," his American trainer, Freddie Roach, told reporters recently.

Pacquiao has parlayed his fame well, starring in two TV series and a movie, and appearing as a celebrity endorser for products ranging from luxury watches to milk and health drinks.

He is currently listed by Forbes magazine as the world's sixth highest-paid athlete, earning $40 million in prize money, endorsements, and business ventures for the 12 months beginning in June last year.

Even his mother, Dionisia Pacquiao, has benefitted from his celebrity status, becoming a television comedy star in her own right.

NMASA meeting set today

Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association will have its monthly meeting today, Nov. 5, 7pm at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

As always, NMASA president Michael White said member associations will vote for the best athletes for the previous month (October) in four categories (male, female, male student, and female student) during the monthly general membership meeting.

White reminded associations that will be nominating their athletes to submit written nominations in multiple copies to be distributed to members during the meeting.

In addition, White said the agenda of today's meeting will also include information about the financial requirements for the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau.

The Games are scheduled from Aug. 1 to 10, 2010 and aside from the CNMI, other Micronesian island-nations expected to participate in the seventh staging of the quadrennial meet are Guam, Yap, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk, Kiribati, and the Marshall Islands.

They will compete in 15 disciplines, namely baseball, lawn tennis, swimming, triathlon, athletics, basketball, Micro All-Around, outrigger canoe, spearfishing, fast-pitch softball, table tennis, weightlifting, beach volleyball, indoor volleyball, and wrestling. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

MIEKO

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Carey still had juice left to participate in a running event in Kansas City.

"I just did an 8-km run here in Kansas City. The name of the tournament is Cliffhanger Run. Around 900 people joined the race and I was 6th among 193 women and second in my age group," said Carey, who timed in at 35:17.

"I was happy with my result after the race in Maui. The weather was fine at 45 degrees Fahrenheit and it was my first time to join a run race in mainland. I didn't know how fast people here run and what the course looked like," she added.

Mieko and husband Kevin, who also joined XTERRA World, are expected to return to Saipan today.

"I am ready to come back to a warm place and have a lot of rest," said Mieko, who will not compete in this month's Rota Blue Triathlon.

Though she will be taking time out from competitive racing, Mieko said she will still participate in next month's Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race.

"I will do the Hell of Marianas but just for fun. I will take a good rest for 2010," she added.

Mieko ruled the female division of last year's Hell of Marianas after missing the inaugural race in 2007. She timed in at 3:28:05 to beat Guam's Chiyo Lombard (3:28:06) in the women's Open road bike division. Eli Torgeson topped the male division after clocking 3:02:22 and crushing his own mark (3:20:33) in 2007.

HEO

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Tere-Apisah lost to tournament 11th seed Briar Preston of New Zealand, 3-6, 3-6, while Carruthers absorbed a 4-6, 2-6 defeat at the hands of world No. 186 Lee So-Ra of Korea.

The losses in the opening round foiled Heo and company's bids for Junior ITF ranking points. The tournament in Korea is a B1 event, which awards the most ranking points among the regional championships in the Junior ITF Circuit calendar.

The winner in the singles division of the B1 tournament will get 180 points, 120 for finalists, 80 for semifinalists, 60 for quarterfinalists, 30 for losers in the Round of 16, and 20 for the losers in the Round of 32.

There will also be ranking points at stake in the doubles event, which will start today, and Race is positive on his wards chances to get points.

"I am optimistic that we can pick up some points there. Ji Hoon has a good partner from India and his opponents are fairly inexperienced," Race said in an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune*.

Heo is paired with Rishabdev Raman, a 16-year-old netter and is ranked at No. 574. He reached as high as No. 356 in the world rankings last year. The Indian netter played more games than Heo, recording a 33-33 mark in the singles and 13-31 in doubles. This year, he holds a 10-13 record in singles and 7-12 in doubles and currently has 70 Junior ITF ranking points.

Heo has career records of 5-18 (singles) and 7-18 (doubles). This year, the world No. 1,102-ranked Heo has a 4-10 slate in singles and 5-11 mark in doubles and has earned 22.5 Junior ITF ranking points. His highest ranking was at No. 959 after a quarterfinals stint in an ITF event in Fiji in June.

Heo and Raman are at the bottom half of the 32-team draw of the doubles event and will play Korea's Sang Yob Kim and Sung Jun Park.

Carruthers and Tere-Apisah are teaming up in the doubles event and are paired against Thailand's Kobkanok Upapong and China's Zi Yang in the first round.

CONTRASTING

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help Young 670 Rollers stay in the game at halftime, trailing by only a hair, 33-34.

After a hot first half, Ada went cold in the second half, but his teammates stepped up and outgunned Young 670 Rollers, 35-21, to notch a double-digit win.

Besides Ada, who had only four points in the second half, Sixers coach Ray Duenas had seven other players making it to the scoreboard in the last 20 minutes of the match.

Ada still top-scored for the Sixers with his 24 points, while Matt and Ernest Duenas added 16 and 12, respectively.

Talalemoto led all scorers with his 27 markers, while Norita finished with 16. Only two other Young 670 Rollers scored in the game with John Cenir nailing nine points, and Davis Diaz tallying two.

In the second game, 670 Rollers II was in control of the first half and led by seven at halftime, 26-19, before the Runnin' Rebels threatened a comeback in the second half.

The Runnin' Rebels outscored 670 Rollers II in the second half, 25-19, but still fell short of saving a win after 670 Rollers hit clutch baskets. John Laniyo, John Maratita, Kroy Ogo, and Ryan Lisua provided the needed points for 670 Rollers II in the second half to preserve the victory.

Yesterday

First Game

Sixers 69 – Ada 24, M. Duenas 16, E. Duenas 12, Benavente 6, Agtarap 5, Castro 4, R. Duenas 2.

Young 670 Rollers 54 – Talalemoto 27, Norita 16, Cenir 9, Diaz 2.

Scoring by halves: 34-33, 69-54.

Second Game

670 Rollers 2 45 – Ogo 10, Laniyo 7, Palacios 6, Deleon Guerrero 6, Brel 5, Danas 4, Mararita 4, Metran 2, Lisua 1.

Runnin' Rebels 44 – J. Iguel 11, Palacios 7, Rogolifoi 7, Rangamar 6, Aughenbaugh 6, Kiyoshi 5, Ichihara 2.

Scoring by halves: 26-19, 45-44.

Tuesday's Game

G-Stars 47 – Rabauliman 18, N. Mateo 10, Salas 8, D. Mateo 7, De Vero2, Jung 2.

Sonics 46 – Ecalnea 9, Ajoste 9, D.M. Jeon 6, Palacios 6, Oei 4, R. Ferrer 2.

Scoring by halves: 28-20, 47-46.

TSUNAMI

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Jyun-Sensyu (junior), The Ikusei II (Advance II), and Ikusei I (Advance I) divisions also started in September and next month, Tsunami Saipan swimmers are expected to compete in Guam and in a local tournament.

Yuko Kimura, in an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune*, added Tsunami Saipan board will schedule fundraisers, club events, and club management activities this season to continue the development of the sport here and improve club members' skills. Tsunami Saipan is also planning to host tournaments and invite swimmers from Guam.

Meanwhile, the second session of the Tsunami Saipan-American Red Cross Swim Lesson will be held this Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Officers of the Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan board pose for a group photo after meeting at the residence of club president Stan Good, standing third left.

Registration will start at 9:30am, while the one-hour lesson will run from 10am to 11am. The clinic has five training sessions with the last three set for Nov. 14, 21, and 28. The first session was held last Saturday and drew more than 50 participants.

Lessons are based on American Red Cross Water Safety Program and are conducted by Tsunami Saipan swimmers and coaches. It involves easy-to-remember safety tips for pools, spas, water parks, lakes, rivers, and oceans, and basic strokes in swimming. Registration fee is $30 per swimmer. For families, second and succeeding members will only pay $25 registration fee. Certificates from ARC will be awarded only to those who will complete the five-session lesson.

To register or for more information, contact Yuko Kimura at 989-8425 or via e-mail at tsunamisaipan@yahoo.co.jp.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	0	1.000	–
Philadelphia	2	2	.500	2 1/2
Toronto	1	2	.333	3
New York	1	3	.250	3 1/2
New Jersey	0	4	.000	4 1/2

Southeast Division

Atlanta	3	1	.750	–
Miami	3	1	.750	–
Orlando	3	1	.750	–
Charlotte	2	2	.500	1
Washington	2	2	.500	1

Central Division

Cleveland	3	2	.600	–
Chicago	2	2	.500	1/2
Detroit	2	2	.500	1/2
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	1
Indiana	0	3	.000	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	3	1	.750	–
Houston	3	1	.750	–
San Antonio	2	1	.667	1/2
Memphis	1	3	.250	2
New Orleans	1	3	.250	2

Northwest Division

Denver	4	0	1.000	–
Oklahoma City	2	2	.500	2
Portland	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Minnesota	1	3	.250	3
Utah	1	3	.250	3

Pacific Division

Phoenix	4	0	1.000	–
L.A. Lakers	3	1	.750	1
Sacramento	1	3	.250	3
L.A. Clippers	1	4	.200	3 1/2
Golden State	0	2	.000	3

Yesterday's Games

Denver 111, Indiana 93
Boston 105, Philadelphia 74
Cleveland 102, Washington 90
Phoenix 104, Miami 96
Detroit 85, Orlando 80
Chicago 83, Milwaukee 81
L.A. Lakers 101, Oklahoma City 98, OT
Dallas 96, Utah 85
Atlanta 97, Portland 91

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LOCAL SCORES

ROTARY STANDINGS

G-Stars	6	0
Sixers	6	1
Sonics	6	2
Sparks	4	2
670 Rollers 2	4	2
CK Saints	4	3
Runnin' Rebels	4	4
Rollers 1	3	3
Ol'Aces	2	4
Young 670 Rollers 3	1	6
Hi-5	0	6
Celtics	0	7

King and Queen of the Diamonds Saipan Finals

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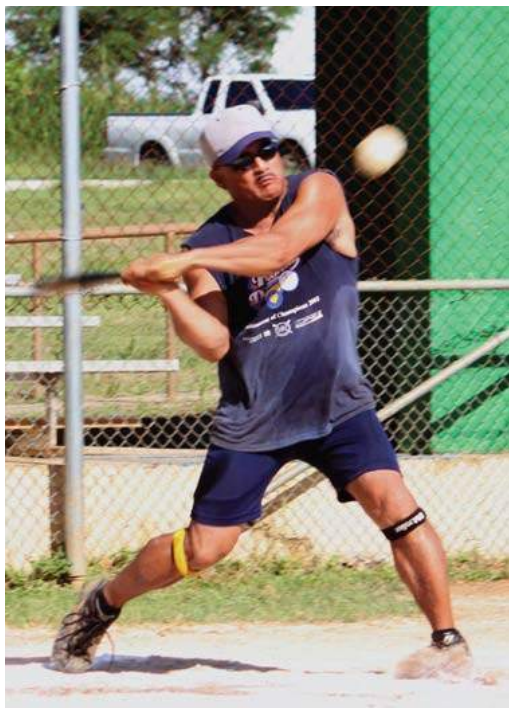
Advance X-Terminators' Manny Sablan slides safely to home plate.

SaiPal pitcher Gloyd Martin (in blue shirt) takes a breather from the heat, while his teammates check him.



Advance X-Terminators' Mel Sakisat swings in the top of the second inning of their game against SaiPal in the Saipan leg finals of the 2009 Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds Softball Tournament at the Capital Hill Ballfield last month.

Advance X-Terminators' Thelma Mizer is on third base waiting for a teammate to make a hit during the top of the fourth inning.

Advance X-Terminators' J.J. Laniyo picks up a grounder.

A SaiPal outfielder throws to third base.

Advance X-Terminators' Ben Mesa waits for pitch.

SaiPal's Payton Sakuma waits for the pitch, while catcher Thelma Mizer signals to pitcher Eric Palacios.

A SaiPal outfielder chases the ball during the top of the fifth inning of their game against Advance X-Terminators.

Advance X-Terminators' Manny Sablan is on a defensive stance at third base.

Pacquiao holds hopes of the Philippines in fists

For the Philippines, boxer Manny Pacquiao is more than a sports champion. His fans, the media and politicians see him as nothing less than a national hero whose feats can lift the nation. 26

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Nuggets rout Pacers to remain unbeaten

Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and Chauncey Billups added 24 to help the Denver Nuggets beat the Indiana Pacers 111-93 on Tuesday for their best start in 24 years. 24

Mieko calls it quits—for now

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Triathlete Mieko Carey is done for this season, as far as competitive races are concerned.

"I am finished with competitive races for 2009 after the event in Maui," said Carey, who joined last month's 2009 XTERRA World Championships in Makena, Maui, Hawaii.

"My body is telling me to rest for 2010, which is going to be a big year for me after I competed as a pro for the first time in last month's XTERRA World," the 31-year-old Saipan-based triathlete added.

Carey completed the 1.5-kilometer swim race, 32-km mountain bike, and the 12-km trail run in Maui in three hours, 35 minutes, and 44 seconds, breaking her 2008 time of 3:53:38. She was 161st among the around 500 participants, finishing better than last year when she placed 235th out of the 482 finishers. Carey was also 18th among the 23 pro in the world premier off-road triathlon race.

After the race in Hawaii,

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Mieko Carey poses for the camera after completing the Cliffhanger 8k Run in Kansas City last weekend.

Tsunami Saipan elects new officers

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Active sports participant and tournament supporter Stan Good will be serving his third term as president of Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan.

This after Good and seven others were selected to the Tsunami Saipan board for the 2009-2010 season during elections last week.

Joining Good in the board are Lisa Yue, vice president; Yuko Kimura, secretary; Millet Wong, treasurer; and parents representatives Joe Camacho, Soyong Kang, Samson Tan, and Perry Conner.

Besides electing its board members, Tsunami Saipan also named the club's coaching staff for the 2009-2010 season. They are head coach Hiro Kimura, coaching staff Marystar Welch and Good, and assistant coaches Kaori Toda and Hiroko Tenorio. Yuko Kimura will serve as team manager, while Toshiki Iijima of Tsunami Guam is executive adviser.

Tsunami Saipan started the 2009-2010 season three months ago with the club having 55 swimmers in its stable. Training sessions for its beginners, developmental pool, Sensyu (senior),

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Heo and company lose in South Korea

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CNMI's Ji Hoon Heo and two other Pacific Oceania players failed to survive a tough test in the opening round of the 2009 Asian/Oceania Closed Championships on Tuesday at the Seogwipo Tennis Courts in Dongheung-dong, Seogwipo, Jeju-do, Korea.

Up against Korea's No. 1 junior player and world No. 94 Suk-Young Jeong, Heo won only one game, allowing the home bet to cruise to a 6-0, 6-1 triumph in the first round.

"It was a tough day for the Pacific Oceania team," said coach Jeff Race, who also watched how Samoa's Steffi Carruthers and Papua New Guinea's Abigail Tere-Apisah bowed to their respective opponents

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Ji Hoon, seen here walking to the sideline after a local tournament, lost his opening-round game in the 2009 Asian/Oceania Closed Championships on Tuesday at the Seogwipo Tennis Courts in Dongheung-dong, Seogwipo, Jeju-do, Korea.

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Contrasting wins for Sixers, 670 Rollers

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The Sixers and 670 Rollers II started their game in the 2009 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League facing different situations, but ended up on the same side, the winning one.

The Sixers broke away from a tight first half battle en route to a 69-54 triumph over the Young 670 Rollers in the opening game yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. In the second match, 670 Rollers II needed to halt the Runnin' Rebels rally in the second half to eke out a 45-44 win.

The victory was 670 Rollers II's fourth in six games, lifting the team from sixth to a tie for fourth place with the Kagman Sparks. The loss was the Runnin' Rebels third in seven matches, dropping the team from fifth to sixth spot in the team standings.

The 15-point win over the Young 670 Rollers gave the Sixers a 6-1 record and moved them up to second place, booting out the Sonics. The Sonics (6-2) were relegated to third place, as they bowed to the unbeaten G-Stars (6-0) on Tuesday, 46-47.

Joe Ada was unstoppable for the Sixers in the first half, exploding for 17 points. Longtime teammates Matthew and Ernest Duenas chipped in eight and seven apiece.

However, despite the trio's impressive offensive game at the start of the match, Young 670 Rollers kept the Sixers at bay behind the duo of Savali Talalemoto and John Norita.

Talalemoto was a force inside for Young 670 Rollers, drilling 19 points. Talalemoto's frontcourt partner, Norita, contributed 12 to

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Joe Ada, seen here hustling for the loose ball, scored 24 points in the Sixers' 69-54 win over the Young 670 Rollers during their game in the Rotary caging yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.